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Sun Rises	7.10 A M
Sun Sets	5.01 P M
Day's Length	9 h 51 m
High Water at Southport	7.52 P M
High Water at Wilmington	9.35 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 3.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 41°; 8 p. m., 55°; maximum, 58°; minimum, 37°; mean, 47.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .02.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 1.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 6.2 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina, partly cloudy, probably light local showers on the coast; warmer; easterly winds.

OUTLINES.

The House Ways and Means Committee gave hearing yesterday to manufacturers of flax, hemp and jute; the tobacco interest will be taken up Monday —— The visible supply of cotton for the world is 4,244,783 bales; crop in sight, 6,290,031. —— London was in a fog yesterday. —— The Charlotte (N. C.) National Bank has been authorized to begin business. —— A heavy snow storms rages in Kansas. —— The steamer Commodore, with arms and ammunition for Cuba, sunk at sea on the coast of Florida; the crew were saved. —— Richard Croker, of New York, was in Atlanta yesterday, and in Augusta, Ga., last night, with other prominent politicians. —— Walter Goodwin, a postoffice employe at Staunton, Va., has been arrested for robbing the mails. —— A mill of the Bethlehem, Pa., Iron Co., started up yesterday after three months idleness. —— The White Hall, Mich., Savings Bank has closed. —— Farmers in Nebraska are using corn for fuel. —— The Washington government is exhibiting increased vigilance in efforts to prevent violation of neutrality laws by Cuban filibusters. —— The Omaha, Neb., Savings Bank failed. —— The Sugar Trust and the Coffee Trust opened the coffee war at Cleveland, Ohio, by a cut in prices of coffee. —— The town of Mooringspora, La., was struck by a cyclone; only seven buildings in the place were left intact; four persons were killed and twenty wounded. —— The Citizens' National Bank at Fargo, N. D., was closed by a bank examiner. —— Wm. A. Hammond, second vice president of the failed National Bank of Illinois, committed suicide by drowning at Chicago. —— Gen. Weyler has issued an edict prohibiting storage of merchandise or medicines in unfortified towns, and the closing of all stores in unprotected villages and hamlets. —— The Charlotte, N. C., *Observer* building was set on fire last night by safe-robbers and partially destroyed; the loss is fully covered by insurance. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent., Southern flour was dull and unchanged; —common to fair extra $3 00@3 55; good to choice $3 55@3 85; wheat —spot dull and firmer with options; ungraded red 82c@$1.02, corn—spot dull and firm; No. 2, 29⅝c at elevator and 30⅝c afloat; rosin steady; strained common to good $1 75; spirits turpentine steady at 26¾@27¼c.

Some of the New York papers are discussing the "cost of reform." Well, reform is generally expensive, and then you don't often get it.

It is said that Mr. McKinley is taking so much time in constructing his Cabinet because he wants to find timber that will last eight years.

After ex Queen Lil freezes some in Boston she will be sufficiently acclimated to stand the chilly reception she will receive when she scuds back to Washington.

A New York man who has sued a dentist for $1,000 damages for "pain and anguish" suffered while having some teeth pulled, expects to have a pull on the dentist.

The ranchmen in the State of Washington hope the winter will kill off the horses, which eat the dry grass and can't be sold for a dollar a piece. Here is a chance for some enterprising sausage maker.

Candidate Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, who aspires to Don Cameron's seat in the Senate, announces that he is opposed to "boss domination," that is the kind of domination in which some other fellow, about the build of Matt. Quay, plays the boss.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

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A real festive and somewhat unique wedding took place in Rhode Island a few days ago, where a woman who was divorced from five husbands, all living, was married to the sixth, while four of her ex-hubbies acted as ushers. They probably enjoyed ushering the sixth unsophisticated into some of the racket they had gone through. The marriage took place in a church, and a minister played the farce of making the pair one.

There are in the United States Senate sixty-six lawyers, thirteen business men of various kinds, one preacher (who tried law and didn't like it) three farmers, two journalists, one surgeon and three non-descripts. Sixty-six lawyers out of eighty-nine Senators (there being one vacancy) shows that the legal fraternity have a pretty tight grip on the Senate.

The pedestrian in Baltimore now gives the unmuzzled dog the right of way and a wide berth. A number of persons have been recently bitten by dogs supposed to be mad. Eight children were bitten in one day, three of whom have died from the bites.

Comptroller Eckles imparts the assuring information that the banks of the country as a whole are solid. The country never begins to show any uneasiness that Mr. Eckels doesn't promptly step to the front to quiet its fears. This is very kind.

Speaking of the suit that Mr. McKinley will wear at his inauguration, a Chicago paper rises to enquire what Mr. Hanna will wear? Mr. Hanna will wear a smile about seven inches long, and probably some clothes.

If it be true that the extension of the civil service rules leaves only 1,700 places in the Departments to be distributed, and only fifty-three Consulates, what will those Ohio patriots do?

Sultan Abdul Hamid is said to be haughty. With a great many people Abdul also has the reputation of being naughty.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST—Fox terrier.
J. G. BURR—Notice.
JAS. D. NUTT—Notice.
D. O'CONNOR—For rent.
NOTICE—Schedule B tax.
SAM'L BEAR, SR.—Notice.
W. B. COOPER—Borax soap.
BIDS—For repairing sewerage.
VETERANS—Cape Fear Camp.
OPERA HOUSE—Sousa's Band.
PETERSON & RULFS—Greeting.
T. J. GORE—Collector's notice.
A. PREMPERT—Expert barbers.
W. E. WORTH & CO.—Soft coal.
NOTICE—Uniform Rank K. of P.
W. E. SPRINGER & CO.—Heaters.
A. D. BROWN—To our customers.
J. A. SPRINGER & CO—Coal prices.
J. H. REHDER & CO.—Window shades.
ENTERTAINM'T—"Coming Woman."
C. W. POLVOGT & CO.—Prices reduced
C. W. YATES & CO—New Year presents
DIVINE & CHADBOURN—Dissolution.
WILLIAMS, RANKIN & CO—Dissolu'n
G. R. FRENCH & SON—Shoes for boys.
F. H. STEDMAN—Real estate broker.
F. S. ROYSTER GUANO CO.—Orinoco tobacco guano.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

BOARD—For two young men.
A. D. WESSELL—Dwelling for rent.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Col. D. S. Cowan was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. A. A. McLean, of Gastonia, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Messrs J. P. Shaw and E. L. McNair, of Laurinburg, were in the city yesterday.

— Dr. J. H. Drehr, who has been visiting his parents at Mount Pleasant, returned to the city yesterday.

— Mr. S. L. Dill, of Newbern, Superintendent of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company, made a short visit to the city yesterday.

— Mr. Lon B. Williams, business representative of "The Private Secretary," which will be played here the 8th and 9th insts., was a STAR visitor last evening.

— Some of the prominent truckers in attendance upon the Truckers' meeting yesterday were Mr. W. A. Wright, Mr. G. W. Westbrook, Mr. S. W. Noble, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. J. W. Gay, Mr. S. J. Jones and Mr. Jno. F. Garrell.

The largest stock of Carpets and Matting at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s ever shown in Wilmington. †

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— See fourth page for other new advertisements.

— The city public schools resume to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

— Criminal Court will convene to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

— The Board of Aldermen will meet in regular monthly session to-morrow night.

— The wholesale price of Southern eggs has dropped to 16 to 16½ cents per dozen in New York.

— Zeb Vance Division, Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, has been invited to participate in the ceremony and banquet at Castle Hall to-morrow night.

— Rev. J. W. Kramer, of the Brooklyn Baptist Church, will preach by special invitation to-night a sermon to Oriental Conclave No. 1, Heptasophs or Seven Wise Men. The lodge will attend in a body.

— Rev. S. N. Vass, A. M., secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, and one of the finest orators of the colored race, will take part in the exercises at the Central Baptist Church this week.

— Virgil Spicer, a colored man, thought he had been robbed last night and created something of a sensation by crying "murder!" and "fire!" It turned out that he had been drinking, and he was put in the guard-house to sober up.

— A comedy, "The Coming Woman," will be presented in the old Hemenway school building Tuesday evening, January 5th, under the auspices of the Charitable Circle of King's Daughters and Sons, for the benefit of the poor. Admission, 25 cents.

Magistrates' Courts.

There were two cases of assault and battery with a deadly weapon in the courts yesterday.

Wm. McAlister (colored), who cut Ed Guion (colored) last June, then making his escape and arrested by the police last Friday night, was arraigned before Justice Fowler. The defendant admitted cutting Guion, but said he acted in self-defence. He was committed to jail in default of $200 justified bond for his appearance at the Criminal Court, which convenes to-morrow.

Before Justice Bunting Lewis Nixon alias Sing Nixon (colored) was placed on trial for stabbing Amos Smith (colored) Christmas day. There being probable cause to bind the defendant over to the higher court, he was committed to jail in default of $50 bail.

Public Installation.

The officers-elect from Stonewall Lodge, Clarendon Lodge, Germania Lodge and Jefferson Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of this city, will be installed by Washington Catlett, Grand Chancellor of this Domain, to-morrow (Monday) night at 8 o'clock, at Castle Hall, assisted by the following Deputy Grands, who are herewith requested to take notice of their appointment:

G. V. C.—S. Behrends.
G. P.—W. S. Warrock.
G. M. at A.—W. H. Yopp.
G. K. of R. and S.—O. M. Fillyaw.
G. M. of E.—J. W. Monroe.
G. M. of F.—John Haar, Jr.
G I. G.—S. P. McNair.
G. O. G.—W. H. Howell.

After the installation ceremonies music and refreshments will be served.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—73 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 24 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—328 bales cotton, 32 casks spirits turpentine, 351 bbls rosin, 145 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R.R.—6 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 208 bb's rosin, 8 bbls tar, 83 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—2 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 119 bbls rosin, 26 bbls tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—299 bbls rosin, 45 bbls tar, 10 bbls crude turpentine.

Total receipts—Cotton, 407 bales; spirits turpentine, 59 casks; rosin, 937 bbls; tar, 249 bbls; crude turpentine, 108 bbls.

A Missing Man.

Jno. W. Sherman, a well known newspaper man of Lynchburg, Va., disappeared on the 17th of December last. It is thought that he was suffering from temporary mental aberration. Any information concerning his whereabouts will be thankfully received at the Bonitz Hotel, Wilmington, N. C., or by Mrs. J. W. Sherman, Lynchburg, Va. Mr. Sherman is believed to be in North Carolina. His family believe that he has committed suicide or is wandering aimlessly about the country.

North Carolina Sorosis.

At the next meeting of the Home Science Department of Sorosis, Dr. Storm will deliver an address on "What to Do in Emergency." Each of the several departments is invited to be present.

The meeting will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the chairman of Home Science, Mrs. Walker Taylor, No. 331 South Third street. Members are requested to meet at 4.45 o'clock.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

Special attention paid to making and hanging Window Shades at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. †

MR. STACEY VAN AMRINGE.

"In the Midst of Life We Are in Death."

The community was both shocked and pained yesterday morning upon hearing of the sudden demise of Mr. Stacey VanAmringe. Mr. VanAmringe had been complaining of feeling unwell for a week or two past, but was able to be out. Friday night he and his wife attended a Christmas tree entertainment at the residence of Col. F. W. Foster. Yesterday morning he arose about 7.30 o'clock, but told his wife that he was not feeling well and went into an adjoining room to lie down. About an hour afterwards Mrs. VanAmringe having occasion to pass through the room where Mr. VanAmringe was resting, heard him breathing heavily and found Mr. VanAmringe unconscious, with his head hanging over the side of the bed. Medical aid was soon at his bedside—Dr. A. H. Harris and later Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy—but consciousness could not be restored and at 11.45 o'clock Mr. VanAmringe breathed his last. The physicians said that death was caused by a stroke of apoplexy.

Mr. VanAmringe was born in New York city, September 26th, 1838, and when quite young came to Wilmington with his father, the late Geo. O. VanAmringe. When the war broke out he enlisted in Company G, Sixty-first Regiment North Carolina State troops stationed near Charleston, S. C. At the close of the war he married Miss Fannie W. Wallace, daughter of the late Stephen D. Wallace, who was once cashier of the Bank of New Hanover, and for a time President of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad. The deceased was for a number of years clerk of the Auditing Committee of the County Commissioners. For twelve years he was Clerk of the Superior Court, and at the time of his death was County Treasurer, having held that important position for two years and having been elected for another term.

It was Mr. VanAmringe who first started the Ocean View Beach boom. He was President of the Ocean View Railway Company until the property was sold to the Seacoast Railroad Company; he was a stockholder and President of the Ocean View Company, and it was mainly through his influence and energy that the Beach was made a popular Summer resort. He leaves a wife, a son, Mr. Cyrus VanAmringe, and a daughter, Miss Fannie VanAmringe, who has been taking lessons in painting at Cooper's Institute, New York city. She is expected to arrive here this afternoon in response to a telegram informing her of her father's death.

The deceased was a member of the Royal Arcanum, Knights of Honor, and Cape Fear Camp No. 254, United Confederate Veterans. The latter organization will attend in a body his funeral, which will be held at his late residence, No. 105 North Sixth street, to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

The City Markets.

There was not a very plentiful supply of country produce in the city markets yesterday. Vegetables were scarce, with the exception of lettuce, of which there was an abundance. Eggs were steady at 20c per dozen. Prices of other articles were as follows:

Vegetables—Spinach, 30c per peck; Irish potatoes, 20c per peck; sweet potatoes, 15c per peck; rutabagas and turnips, 5c per bunch; celery, 25c per head; collards, 5c per head; lettuce, 2½c to 5c per bunch; radishes, 5c per bunch; green onions, 5c per bunch.

Oysters—Best New River, $1 00 per gallon; Myrtle Grove, 75c; Sound oysters, 40 to 50c. Oysters in the shell sold for 75c per bushel; clams, 75c per bushel.

Meats—Pork, corned, 10c; fresh, 10c; hoghead cheese, 10c; steak, loin, 12½c; round, 10c; chuck, 8c; stew, 5; sausage, 10c.

Poultry—Chickens, live grown, 65c per pair; dressed, 50 to 75c per pair. Turkeys, live, $1 00 to $1.50; dressed, 15 to 17c per pound.

A Great Enterprise.

Rev. P. L. Groome, D. D., who for several years was editor of the *Christian Advocate*, is in the city. He is at present superintendent of the Southern District of the American Society of Religious Education under the auspices of which the Southern Biblical Assembly holds it Summer schools at Asheville. Dr. Groome will address a mass meeting of preachers and Sunday school workers and all persons interested in reading, studying and teaching the Holy Scriptures, at the First Presbyterian church this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Nearly every pastor in the city who was seen by him, gave their hearty endorsement of the work and promised to be present if possible.

The heads of families will be especially interested in the feature of his work pertaining to individual reading of the Scriptures for character building.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. B. G. Worth.

The funeral of the late Mrs. B. G. Worth took place yesterday morning at the First Presbyterian Church. The services were conducted by Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, after which the remains were borne tenderly out of the church, while the choir sang "Asleep In Jesus," and laid to rest in the quiet city of the dead —Oakdale cemetery. The pall-bearers were (honorary) Col. Jas. G. Burr, Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Mr. Jas. Sprunt, Mr. Jno. McLaurin, Mr. W. A. French, Mr. Geo. W. Williams, Mr. H. H. Munson, Mr. A. A. Willard and Mr. Alfred Alderman; (active) Messrs. C. H. Robinson, Jas. F. Post, Jr., W. R. Kenan, E. S. Martin, W. H. Sprunt, H. C. McQueen, B. F. Hall and Sam'l Northrop.

— Mr. Henry Clark Bridgers, of Tarboro, was among hotel registrations yesterday.

See the $5.00 and $7.50 Jackets at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. They are bargains. †

The best Dollar Kid Glove in the city at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. †

FRUIT AND TRUCK GROWERS.

Meeting of the New Hanover County Association—Constitution and By-Laws Adopted—Various Matters Discussed.

The Fruit Growers' and Truckers' Association of New Hanover county met in the court house at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the chairman, Capt. E. W. Manning, Mr. John F. Garrell was called to the chair. Mr. S. J. Jones, the secretary, was present, and performed the duties of that office.

A constitution and by-laws, prepared by a committee consisting of Capt. E. W. Manning, Mr. G. W. Westbrook and Mr. Oscar Pearsall, were read and, with a few changes, adopted. Leaving out the routine matter, the instrument is as follows:

The object of the association is stated to be to unite the fruit growers and truckers of the county of New Hanover into one body for the following purposes: First, to secure the lowest and best freight and refrigerator rates; to obtain the cheapest and most practical fruit packages; to secure favorable State legislation; to bring about proper distribution of fruit and vegetable crops; at the same time to preserve to each grower and shipper his individuality and ownership in the fruit grown and shipped, and each one to receive his individual returns for fruit and vegetables, and, so far as practicable, to permit each person to have his proportionate share in each and every market used by the association; and for other purposes which shall be for the fruit trucking interests of the county and members of the association.

The minutes of the last meeting, held on the 28th of November, were read and approved, and Mr. G. W. Westbrook, one of the delegation sent from the Association to attend the Eastern Truckers' Association at Warsaw on December 2d, reported that at that meeting the use of the California Fruit Transportation Company's cars for the transportation of strawberries was recommended at a reduction of twenty cents from last season's rates, provision being made that the reduction apply to all points—those in New England as well as New York and Philadelphia.

The constitution requiring a vice-president and treasurer, Mr. G. W. Westbrook and Mr. W. A. Wright were elected to those offices respectively.

What claimed the immediate attention of the association was the movement of lettuce, the transportation charges on that vegetable being considered exorbitant. Messrs. Jno. F. Garrell and S. J. Jones were appointed a committee to act with Capt. E. W. Manning in seeking to have the freight reduced. The cost of sending a barrel of lettuce to New York now is ninety-eight cents.

Some discussion followed about the wisdom of shipping to few or many commission merchants, and of engaging regular commission merchants to handle the produce of the association, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Sam'l Westbrook, representing Redfield & Son, commission merchants of Philadelphia, was present, but as a truck farmer rather than a solicitor, he stated.

A vote of thanks was tendered the newspapers for sending representatives to report the meeting.

SOUSA'S FAMOUS BAND

Will Appear at the Opera House Next Thursday Evening.

At last the people of Wilmington will have a chance of seeing and hearing Sousa's famous band at the Opera House Thursday evening, January 7. There are not many who have not heard of Professor John Philip Sousa, and still a less number who have not heard his famous marches, the "Washington Post," "King Cotton," "High School Cadets," "Liberty Bell," and more recently the celebrated "El Capitan" march, which is being played nightly in the opera of that name, now running in New York city, with DeWolf Hoffer playing the title role. Sousa, during his career, has written sixty marches and seven operas, and now with his peerless band, which is said to be the best in America, is traversing the entire country, covering a territory of over 21,000 miles. No other band in the world has the reputation which Sousa's band has attained under its present leadership, and now that Manager Schloss has been so fortunate as to secure this band, and offering as he does the best seats in the Opera House at a dollar when the band has been playing in many a larger city at $1.50 a seat, theatre-goers should not fail to appreciate his efforts. Seats on sale at Gerken's Tuesday morning.

Death of Mr. W. W. Bunting.

The STAR regrets to chronicle the death of Mr. W. W. Bunting, which occurred last night at 8:15 o'clock. He had been sick for about ten days with pneumonia, and last evening the end came. The deceased was a son of the late David Bunting, of this city. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Archie McRae, of Fayetteville, and Mrs. G. T. Flynn of this city. The funeral services will be held at the residence of Mr. G. T. Flynn, No. 209 North Fourth street, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The Private Secretary.

That persistently and intensely funny comedy, "The Private Secretary," is booked at the Opera House for Friday and Saturday nights, January 8th and 9th, with Saturday matinee. The company presenting the play here is the same as appeared originally in the piece in New York for 300 nights.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

See the Ladies' 5-cent Black Hose at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. †

STATE LEGISLATURE.

MEMBERS ARRIVING EARLIER THAN EXPECTED.

The Senatorial Question Overshadows Everything Else—Pritchard Expected Tuesday—Gov. Carr's Message — Train Wreckers Arrested.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2.

The members of the Legislature are arriving earlier than was anticipated. Quite a number of them are here. By Monday most of them will have arrived. To-day janitors and laborers were at work in the Legislative halls, getting them in readiness for the opening day. The Senatorship seems to overshadow everything else. Very little is heard about the election of a Speaker of the House or a Railway Commissioner to succeed Mr. Beddingfield. It is very likely that both of these offices will be traded in the deal for the Senatorship.

Governor Carr's message will be complete Tuesday and will be given to the newspapers that day subject to release.

A. D. K. Wallace, engrossing clerk in the Senate two years ago, is here. Mr. Wallace will not be a candidate for that office again.

Two colored men arrested near the depot this morning are said to be the men who wrecked the freight train on the Seaboard Air Line. Their arrest was brought about by a colored man named Campbell, who is said to be a detective in the employ of the Pinkertons. The two men are not residents of Raleigh. They are confined in the station house, but the chief of police has not examined them yet and no particulars are obtainable.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

About fifteen members of the Legislature are here. Pritchard will arrive Tuesday. Sutton, of New Hanover, arrived this evening. Most of the old Legislative clerks and officers are here and nearly all are candidates for re-election.

ALEXANDER SPRUNT & SON

Moved Into Their New Offices on Front Street—Description of the Building—The Firm Among the Largest Exporters of Cotton in the United States.

The force of bookkeepers, clerks and stenographers who conduct the large business of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Sons, finally moved into the new general office, corner of Front and Walnut streets yesterday afternoon.

The new Sprunt office is a two-story, pressed brick building with metal trimmings, in the Rennaissance style of architecture, finished inside with native North Carolina pine, and heated by steam. It was designed by and constructed under the direction of Mr. H. E. Bonitz. It is an interesting fact that the building stands on the site of the old Methodist church which was consumed by fire several years ago.

The upper floor which consists of a single large room will be used exclusively for grading purposes.

On the first floor to the right as you enter from Front street is the principals' private office, connecting with the stenographers' room, in which Misses Stella and Hannah Shrier are employed. The general office beyond is occupied by Mr. W. J. Woodward, Mr. D. H. Lippitt, Mr. W. N. Cronly, Capt. A. L. DeRosset, Mr. Wm. Blanks, Mr. J. D. Kelly, Mr. James D. Smith, Mr. W. J. Bergen, Mr. Thomas R. Orrell, Mr. James S. Williams, and Mr. James Corchett, in charge of their several departments. The office of Capt. James McDougall and Mr. J. E. Hall are nearer the compress building. The compress office is in charge of Mr. T. E. Sprunt, superintendent; Mr. W. W. Banks, foreman, and Mr. Robert Banks, shipping clerk, while in the mechanical department are Mr. James C. Stewart, chief engineer; Mr. Judson Beach, assistant engineer, and Mr. James Wiggins, third engineer.

To the left of the main entrance is a handsomely furnished apartment, connecting with all the other offices, to be used as the British Vice Consulate, the senior partner being her Britannic Majesty's representative in this State.

The firm of Alexander Sprunt & Son was established in 1866. It expects to have handled by the end of the season 300 000 bales of cotton, which is the largest amount of that staple handled by any firm in any one place in the United States.

CATHERINE KENNEDY HOME.

The following Christmas and New Year's gifts were received at the Catherine Kennedy Home, for which we return our sincere thanks:

A friend, $5.00; Mrs. J. L. Cantwell, sweet potatoes; Mrs. V. Hall, sugar; Mrs. T. D. Walker, sugar; Mrs. Dr. Mendelsohn, ice cream and cake; Mrs. J. C. Dyer, half a dozen tablespoons, teaspoons and forks, each, Mrs. C. W. Bates, one pound of tea and a large cake; Miss Jennie Bunting, one breakfast strip, sweet potatoes, lightwood, buckwheat, two cabbages, three bars soap, six packages, one box crackers, one dozen eggs, sausage and package oat meal; Messrs J. L. Croom & Co., apples, cheese, coffee, sugar, Irish and sweet potatoes; Mrs. B. F. Hall, coffee, ham, sausage and liver pudding; Mr. W. H. Sprunt, $10 00; Mrs. R. R. Bridgers, large package coffee; one loaf of bread daily from Palace Bakery; from a friend whose name could not be deciphered, flour, sugar tea; Mrs. Roger Moore, sausage, milk daily and individual Christmas gifts; Mrs. S. Burtt, peas, beans and dried apples; Mrs. J. H. Rehder, sugar; Mrs. Frank Gause, apples; a load of good wood to each inmate from a friend; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. J. Ahrens, one turkey; Mrs. James Sprunt, one turkey; Mrs. A. Liebman, one dozen pies; Mrs. Dunn, apples; Mrs. B. Gleaves, apples and potatoes; Mrs. Humphreys, fruit and cake; Mrs. Dr. Carmichael, fruit, candy and cake; Mrs. R. N. Sweet, oranges; Mr. P. R. Fowler, one load of wood; Grace Church, Christmas tree, fruit and confectioneries; Col. J. L. Cantwell, contributions in money weekly; beef, Mr. Garrell and Mr. Hayes; a telephone from Mr. H. L. Fentress, Mr. E. T. Coghill and others whose names have not been sent us.

We sincerely thank our friends for this generosity. We have had less wood given this year than usual, and as we do not furnish wood for the inmates, gifts in this direction will be gratefully received.

Matting, Floor Oilcloth and Rugs, all new at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. †

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Services in St. John's church to-day by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael, at 11 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m.

Services in Seamen's Bethel to-day at 3 p. m., conducted by Rev. Dr. Carmichael. All seafaring and river men are most cordially invited to attend.

At Grace M. E. Church to-day Rev. R. A. Willis will preach at 11 o'clock a. m. and Rev. P. L. Groom, D. D., at 7 p. m.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of Market and Sixth streets, Rev. K. Boldt, pastor. English services at 11 a. m.; German services at 7.30 o'clock p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. All seats free.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, Fourth street above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. All seats free and every person cordially invited.

St. Paul's Church, Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. F. N. Skinner, rector—Services to-day (second Sunday after Christmas) at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m; Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. All seats free.

COLORED CHURCHES.

St. Stephen's A. M. E. church, corner Fifth and Red Cross streets, Rev. E. J. Gregg pastor. Preaching to-day at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by Rev. W. H. Capehart, presiding elder. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 3 p. m.

There will be preaching at the First Baptist church, corner Fifth and Campbell streets, to-day at 11 a. m.; the Lord's supper at 3 p. m., and at 8 p. m. preaching by Rev. L. G. Jordan, the foreign mission secretary. He will preach also at Shiloh church at 11 a. m. Strangers and friends are welcome. Joseph Spells, pastor.

At the Central Baptist church, corner of Seventh and Red Cross streets, Rev. L. T. Christmas, pastor, there will be appropriate exercises each night all this week, in respect to the closing of the administration of the pastor, this being his last week as pastor of said church. Many prominent speakers each night; also, music by different choirs, clubs and quartettes. Everybody is welcome. Commencing at half-past seven o'clock. There will be preaching to-day at 10 00 a. m., 3 00 p. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. The single women will give a nice programme Monday night. Preaching during the week.

Hanover Lodge, I. O. O. F.

At a meeting of Hanover Lodge No. 145, I. O. O. F., the following officers were installed for the ensuing term:

S. P. G.—M. A. Foote.
N. G.—N. M. Hunt.
V. G.—H. E. Bonitz.
R. S.—S. G. Hall.
P. S.—C. B. Allen.
Treasurer—W. H. Howell.
Chaplain—Isaac Northrop.
Warden—R. C. Johnson.
Conductor—H. P. Merritt.
R. S. to N. G.—McL. Bell.
L. S. to N. G.—J. O. Wiggs.
R. S. to V. G.—T. P. Baldwin.
L. S. to V. G.—C. C. Blake.
R. S. S.—C. C. Harriss.
L. S. S.—J. M. Chadwick.
I. G.—A. Robeson.
O. G.—M. C. Raynor.
Organist—J. W. Fleet.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

A Wisconsin Man Claims to Have Invented a Process For Making Paper From Sawdust and Slabs.

The Savannah *News* condenses as follows a discovery that will prove of inestimable value to the South, if really practicable:

"Many a mill owner has gazed at the mountain of sawdust and the great pile of slabs near his sawmill plant and regretted that these must be waste products. If the claim of a Wisconsin inventor is reliable, the sawdust and the slabs will soon be reached from the waste pile and made a profitable source of revenue. He claims to have discovered a new liquid for reducing wood to paper pulp not only from spruce, but also from the several varieties of pine, as well as popular, hemlock, bass, blackgum and other woods. Edgings and slabs from sawmills are said to be especially suited for pulp making with the new liquor. It is further asserted that the new liquor is much less expensive than the old one, reducing the cost of pulp from 30 to 50 per cent. The new liquor also cooks the wood in much less time than the old which is to be considered in the matter of cost. The quality of paper produced with the new process is said to be remarkably strong. It has a leathery texture and pliability, and experts in leather manufactures have declared that it is a material that could be employed with satisfactory results in the manufacture of the cheaper grades of shoes, for inner soles, heels and shanks.

"If it is indeed a fact that a liquor has been discovered which will reduce the resinous yellow pine to paper pulp at a low cost, then there are better times ahead for the sawmill people of Georgia and the South. Hundreds of thousands of feet of timber go into the worthless sawdust pile and slab pile in this State in the run of a year. In buying timber the mill man calculates this waste, and pays for his stock accordingly. If he could convert the waste products into paper pulp, he could afford to pay more for timber, to the great benefit of the whole timber belt. The inventor of the new wood reducing liquor is James Lappen, of Appleton, Wis."

Bargains are offered by C W Polvogt & Co. in Blankets and Comforters. †

DIED.

VAN AMRINGE—In this city, January 2, 1897, STACEY VAN AMRINGE, aged 58 years, 3 months and 6 days.

Funeral from residence, 105 North Sixth street, at 3.30 p. m., Monday, January 4th. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

BUNTING—In this city, Saturday evening, January 2nd, at 8.15 o'clock, W. W. BUNTING.

Funeral from residence of Mr. G. T. Flynn, No. 209 North Fourth street, this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

STEVENSON—At Chunchula, Ala., on the 28th of December last, MARTIN L. STEVENSON, formerly of Newbern, N. C., and this city.

He was among the first volunteers to go into the army at the beginning of the late war, having served with the Wilmington Light Infantry in the capture of the fortifications at the mouth of the Cape Fear river. Subsequently he became Lieutenant in Latham's Battery of Light Artillery, and served through the entire war, surrendering at Appomattox.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

VETERANS.

MEMBERS OF CAPE FEAR CAMP No. 254 will attend the funeral of their late comrade, S. Van Amringe, from the residence, 105 North Sixth street, at 3 30 o'clock Monday, January 4th, 1897.

By order of the Commander.
jan 3 1t HENRY SAVAGE, Adjutant.

Fox Terrier Lost

Lost, on January 2nd, a Fox Terrier Puppy about two months old. A reward will be paid for his return to 405 South Third street. jan 3 tf

Dissolution.

THE FIRM OF WILLIAMS, RANKIN & CO. is this day dissolved by the withdrawal of R. G. Rankin. D. M. Williams and J. K. Williams will assume all the liabilities and take charge of all the assets. The firm will hereafter be conducted at the old stand under the name of Williams Bros. jan 1 3t

Collector's Notice.

HAVING BEEN APPOINTED COLLECTOR of the estate of C. H. Capps, deceased, by the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, I hereby notify all persons indebted to the said C. H. Capps to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom the said Capps was indebted at the time of his death will present their claims to me before the 30th day of December, 1897, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. THOS. J. GORE, dec 30 tf Collector.

Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS HIS SERVICES to the public as accountant, copyist or in revising manuscripts on literary or scientific subjects on reasonable terms for such work.

dec 30 tf JAS. G. BURR, No. 419 Mulberry street.

ENTERTAINMENT.

"The Coming Woman,"

By the Charitable Circle King's Daughters and Sons, January 5th, 1897, at Old Hemenway School Building, North Fourth Street.

ADMISSION, 25 CENTS.

jan 3 2t sun tues

Schedule B Tax.

Merchants, Commission Merchants, Brokers and others who are required under the Revenue Act to make their returns to the undersigned, please take notice that the above tax is due on the first day of January, 1897, and payable within the first ten days.

CHARLES W. NORWOOD,
jan 3 1t Register of Deeds.

OPERA HOUSE.

THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 7.

ONE GRAND CONCERT.

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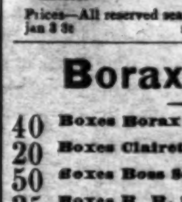

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50 Boxes Boss Soap,
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Felt Shades, patent spring rollers, complete, 13½c.
Opaque Shades, in linens, gray and green, 25c.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Uniform Rank, K. of P.

ZEB VANCE DIVISION HAS BEEN INVITED to participate in the ceremonies and Banquet at Castle Hall to-morrow evening. All members are hereby ordered to report in full uniform at 7 45 o'clock.

By order of the Captain.
W. E. PERDEW,
jan 3 1t Sir Knight Guard.

The Morning Star.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
SUNDAY MORNING, JAN. 3, 1897

AN INSOLENT INQUIRY.

Among the gentlemen who were heard by the Ways and Means Committee, at the Tariff hearing last Tuesday, was a Mr. Chace, a manufacturer of cotton goods in Fall River, Mass. He was asked by one of the members of the Committee if it wasn't a fact that Trusts existed in many industries which prevented consumers from getting products as cheaply as they could if there were competition? To which Mr. Chace replied that he thought that was true, but that it did not apply to his industry. When further asked if these Trusts did not frequently exist in articles that are protected by tariff duties he replied that they might, but that he didn't know much about that. When the interrogator persisted in asking if he didn't think it was true, he replied that he did.

At this stage of the proceedings Representative Steele (who seems to have been properly named, although his name is not properly spelled) broke in with the inquiry, "Well, what are you going to do about it?"

This insolent inquiry justifies the inference that Representative Steele considers it an impertinence on the part of a member of that committee to ask questions about Trusts, which he evidently regards as privileged institutions, which can do business in their own way without having their methods called into question. He surely thinks they are above Congress and the people when he asks the insolent question, "Well, what are you going to do about it?"

That is practically a question the Trusts have been [illegible] asking for years, and yet nothing has been done about it and nothing ever will be done about it while the Trusts have so many attorneys and tools in both Houses of Congress. The men who manipulate the Trusts are potent factors in running political parties. We have some of them in the Democratic party, and a good many of them in the Republican party, which is the progenitor of Trusts and where they naturally belong. They have been scored in the press, denounced from the rostrum and declaimed against in party platforms, but they have gone on, flourished, levied tribute upon the people, and increased in number until they cover scores of the articles entering into the every day consumption of the people, covering nearly everything from the cradle to the coffin. We sweeten our coffee with Trust sugar, and season our food with Trust salt. In building our houses we use Trust nails, and receive the daylight in our houses through Trust window glass, and our lamps light from Trust oil. Trusts control the coal that warms in Winter and the ice that cools in Summer. We wrap our cotton in Trust controlled bagging, secured in Trust-controlled bands, and ship it to market over Trust-controlled rails. If there is anything which the people must have, and in the handling of which there is any chance for gain, the Trust is found and it will be theirs. "What are you going to do about it?"

In the platform of the party of the gentleman who asked this impertinent question, adopted at St. Louis, declaration was made for a tariff that would be "just, fair and impartial, equally opposed to foreign control and domestic monopoly." If this meant anything more than a mere juggling with words to fool the people, it meant that the Republican party is opposed to Trusts, for if they do not constitute "domestic monopoly" and about the only domestic monopoly we have in this country, it wouldn't be worth while to hunt for it.

But what is the Republican party "going to do about it?" If it does anything it will be an unexpected and astonishing departure from the [illegible] record of that party. In all the years that Trusts have existed, beginning with the protective tariff and increasing in number and magnitude as the tariff duties that stifled competition increased, who ever heard of a serious effort being made by a Republican Congress to prevent or to suppress them? In the tariff discussion in 1890, when Congress was laboring with the McKinley bill, the Trusts figured in the debates and when the Democrats asked the Republican protectionists what they "were going to do about it?" Senator Sherman declared that he for one would if the Trusts took advantage of that tariff to prey upon the people, be in favor of putting on the free list every article controlled by Trusts. That was more than six years ago. We have scores of Trusts in this country to-day, we had them then, we have had them ever since and more of them now than then, but has any one ever heard Senator Sherman rise to call them to task or to propose to put upon the free list any article controlled by them?

We have an Anti-Trust law of which Senator Sherman is the reputed author, but if he has ever made an effort to have it enforced the country has not discovered that fact. The [illegible] in which that [illegible] is held, is aptly expressed in an editorial in the Philadelphia Record, an independent paper and a believer in a moderate protective tariff. After referring to the fact that Boss Tweed who plundered the city of New York, and innocently asked when his plundering was exposed, "what are you going to do about it, died miserably in jail, to which he had been sent for his plundering, it says:

There can be no such punishment for the promoters and maintainers of the monopolistic Trusts which, with the aid of high duties and by crushing out competition, are enabled to place wholly arbitrary prices upon their products, and to annually plunder the scores of millions of consumers to a much larger amount than the aggregate of Boss Tweed's peculations. The law which was passed by Congress ostensibly in restraint or suppression of Trusts has proved to be upon trial practically a dead letter, the Trusts increasing and flourishing extraordinarily in despite of it, they being fostered by high duties on foreign products competing with their own. The Anti-Trust law is so defective and so powerless to effect its alleged purposes as to engender the reasonable suspicion that the many and large loopholes provided by it for the escape of the organizers of Trusts were put in it, not by accident, but by the design of its framers.

This is about the size of it. The protective tariff generates, multiplies and fosters Trusts, which through their agents see that no law is passed hostile to them that the Trusts can't ride through and defy. This being so, the Republicans supplying the Trust-breeders in the high protective tariff, the question again occurs, with such a tariff, "what are you going to do about it?" Why, nothing. The Trust will be in the saddle, with both feet in the stirrups, and there it will stick. To get rid of the Trust, we must get rid of the Trust breeders.

MINOR MENTION.

The Chicago *Journal of Commerce* publishes the following table, showing the progress of the manufacturing industries in this country between 1850 and 1890, as reported by the census for each decade:

Years.	No. of establishments.		Hands.
1850	123,125	$533,245,351	957,059
1860	140,433	1,009,855,715	1,311,246
1870	252,148	2,118,208,769	2,053,996
1880	253,852	2,790,272,606	[illegible]
1890	355,401	6,524,475,305	[illegible]

These figures are suggestive, and are worthy of some study. Comparing the increase in the number of establishments with the increase in the amount of capital vested it will be seen that while the number of establishments has increased about threefold the amount of capital invested has increased tenfold, proof conclusive that manufacturing pays in this country. And yet ever since the first Republican protective tariff was enacted the protected manufacturers have been pleading for more and more protection until they now have an average nearly three times as much as they had under the Morrill tariff, and not satisfied with that they are now clamoring for more, on the pretence that they can't get along without it, and this in the face of the fact that they have under the present tariff shipped more of their manufactures to foreign countries than they ever did before. They are satisfied with reasonable profits on their business with foreign customers, but they have been so in the habit of levying tribute upon home customers that they have come to look upon that as one of their inalienable rights.

Comptroller Eckels is so filled with egotism that he has an idea that he confers a favor on the American people when he speaks to them, and he never loses an opportunity to do that on the slightest pretext. During the campaign when he was doing missionary work for Wall Street he declared that all that was necessary to put money in circulation and bring good times was to "restore confidence" by the election of a "sound money" man to the Presidency. Mr. McKinley, who posed as one of the "sound money" men, was elected, but that didn't put the money in circulation, nor bring those good times. But now with his capacious mind he has discovered what is really the matter and rises to tell us through the New York *Journal* that "money will be willingly invested whenever it appears that the American people are ready to devote themselves strictly to their own business affairs and cease undertaking to keep up foreign and domestic turmoil and strife. Investments must be made to bring about business activity, and during an agitation which may lead to a serious foreign complication they will not be made." This was not intended as a rebuke to Mr. Cleveland for fulminating the Monroe doctrine and disturbing the hornets on the other side at the risk of getting into a racket with John Bull. No, no. As big a little man as Mr. Eckels is, he would never think of calling into question the wisdom of his maker. It means, if it means anything, that if we want to see money invested we must shut our mouths and let Wall street do all our financial talking—this will stop domestic turmoil—and gag ourselves on Cuba—this will stop foreign complication. [illegible] Eckels. One of the [illegible] consolations in the election of McKinley is that it will relieve official circles of the presence and the public of the gab of this intolerable bore.

It has been considered a matter of [illegible] that the suit of clothes which Mr. McKinley will wear on the occasion of his inauguration will be made out of cloth woven from Ohio wool. This is not intended so much as an advertisement of the superior excellence of Ohio wool as it is to call attention to Ohio wool, which will be a candidate for protection against foreign free wool when Mr. McKinley gets in the saddle and calls his extra session of Congress to fix up a new tariff. But the fact that Mr. McKinley will on that occasion wear a suit of American clothes, made out of American wool, and Ohio wool, too, suggests a way by which American wool, including Ohio wool, might get a mighty boost without depending in anyway whatsoever on the tariff. Let Mr. McKinley's example be followed by all the gentlemen and gentlewomen in his party and in other parties, who can dike themselves out in woollen garments, and let them buy and wear United States cloth instead of sending abroad for it. This would give such a boom to the wool-growing business that the American sheep, and the Ohio sheep in particular, would become too proud and saucy to curry favor with a Congressman or to ask for protection. Let the people who want to encourage American wool patronize the American sheep. That's business, that involves neither mendicancy nor plunder.

The sugar men, iron men, lumber men, cotton men, and others of the South, are asking for more protection. Well, why not? If it is to be a game of grab, why shouldn't they take a dive into the bag as well as the grabbers on the other side of the line. We don't like that kind of thing, and don't commend it, but when grab is the game the fellow who stands back will get left and the fellow with the bronze cheek and the nimblest digits will get the most of the bag.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Asheville *Citizen*: Miss Nellie Porter, of Baltimore, a visitor to Asheville, while suffering from an attack of melancholia, yesterday afternoon took an overdose of strychnine, from the effects of which she died two hours later.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Mr. Peter J. Bennett, son of Thos. Bennett, Esq., died at his home in 71st yesterday morning at 10.00 o'clock. The deceased gentleman was in his 50th year and leaves a widow and two young children.

— Statesville *Landmark*: Some time ago Mr. John Benson cut on the lands of Mr. Robert Flemming, on Fourth creek, in Rowan county, a white oak tree which measured 15 feet in circumference 5 feet across the stump and was clear of limbs for 66 feet. The tree was cut into 7 sections. The first, 7 feet in length, was too big to handle. The other six were hauled to Teague Bros. & Current's mill and made into shingles. They turned out 18,201 shingles and the shingles were sold for $3 per 1,000. Pretty good for one tree.

— Warrenton *Record*: John Evans, colored, near Wise, this county, was shot and killed by Mr. Plummer Wilson, last Thursday the 24th ult. Wilson was promptly arrested, tried and bound over to court under bond. Failing to secure bond he is now in jail awaiting the Criminal court. From the account given by Wilson himself, it looks very much like an accidental killing, and we sincerely hope it was, but we can't see how the magistrate could have committed Wilson to jail unless there was different evidence from the above.

— Wadesboro *Messenger*: Bennett Thompson, a young white man living near Mt. Gilead, Montgomery county, shot and painfully wounded two colored men whose names we could not learn a few days ago. Mean whiskey was at the bottom of the trouble. The three-year old child of Mr. George Treadgill, of Norwood, was burned to death on Tuesday of last week. The child's mother left it in a room with two other small children for a few minutes and when she returned she found the little thing burned almost to a crisp. The other children could give no account of how the accident occurred. The burned child was a grandchild of Miles Threadgill, formerly of this place.

TWINKLINGS.

— "I wish Christmas lasted all the year round."
"Why?"
"[illegible] waiting at the corner an hour and she never said a word."—*Chicago Record*.

— The Stipendiary—Can't you and your husband live together without fighting?
Mrs. Mulcahey—[illegible]—*Tit-Bits*.

— The Genesis of a Name.—"Why," asked the daughter with dreamy eyes, "why do they call it the honeymoon, mamma?"
"Because," answered the mother with the drawn lines about her mouth, "because it's [illegible]."—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

— [illegible]—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

— "Uncle Simon, what is old-fashioned politeness?"
"It is a way people used to have of [illegible]."—*Chicago Record*.

— May slipped on the ice in the street to-day and bruised herself badly.
How unlucky!
She had on her new Christmas stockings.
How fortunate.

— [illegible]
He—He got the first because he had the other two, [illegible]—*Washington Times*.

You can't be well if your blood is impure, but you may have pure blood and good health by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

THE CLOCK TICKS ON.

The song that we're singing bears with it a moral
To be taken to heart by the young and the old;
While Time, invisible fellow, so quietly stealing,
Shall whisper—go print it in gold—
"The clock ticks on!"

The maiden who trifles with honest affection;
Who thinks youth eternal, ah! let her beware,
She'll find but too late, with a bitter reflection,
That Time is relentless—she's no longer fair.
"The clock ticks on!"

There's the note that you gave—such an easy transaction;
Three months to elapse ere the payment is due—
How hard to consider that Time's stealing on you,
And the day of protesting you'll bitterly rue.
"The clock ticks on!"

Your friends are departing—how sadly you miss them—
But you count not the hours so mournfully told;
And sadly oblivious to time that is passing,
You dream not a moment that you're growing old.
"The clock ticks on!"
—*Harper's Weekly*.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Inward diseases are least visible, and yet most fatal.

— The real chosen people of God are those who know his will and do it.—*Ram's Horn*.

— The devil always goes to the wedding when people marry for money.—*Ram's Horn*.

— Obscurity on earth will not keep anybody from becoming famous in heaven.—*Ram's Horn*.

— The first dart the devil aims at a young convert is always pointed with doubt.—*Ram's Horn*.

— Despise not any man, and do not spurn anything, for there is no man that hath not his hour, nor is there anything that hath not its place.

— Before going to law, be sure its worth while. It takes only two to make a quarrel, but all the courts in the country may be required to settle it.

— How wretched I should be if I felt that I was carrying about with me any secret which I was not willing all the world should know.—*Phillips Brooks*.

— Prejudices are like the knots in the glass of our windows. They alter the shape of everything that we choose to look at through them; they make straight things crooked and everything indistinct.

— When it is morning, think thou mayst die before night, and when evening comes dare not to promise thyself the next morning. Be thou, therefore, always in readiness, and so lead thy life that death may never take thee unprepared.—*A Kempis*.

CURRENT COMMENT.

— Why should the United States ask the Cuban patriots to accept any measures which will keep them under Spain? Is it the duty of a free Republic to assist in maintaining the power of a monarchy.—*Philadelphia North American*, Rep.

— The manner in which Weyler protects Dr. Zertucha ought to remove all doubt of the latter's great and good friendship for the late Gen. Maceo, and the heartless newspaper correspondents should leave the poor man alone in his grief.—*Washington Post*, Ind.

— It is announced that Mr. McKinley's inauguration suit will be tailor made by a native American tailor from cloth manufactured in this country from wool grown in this country. It is alleged that he has been particular about the cloth and wool because he wishes to emphasize the fact that he believes in protecting home industries.—*Savannah News*, Dem.

— Business has now taken a new turn. Every maker of goods who wishes to get better prices is on the road to Washington to solicit Congressional assistance. The people have become so accustomed to the rascality in legislating money out of the pockets of consumers into the pockets of producers that this open bargaining and conferring about percentages of taxation goes on as a matter of course.—*Philadelphia Record*, Dem.

— Republics are ungrateful, and so it appears are Republicans! They are fighting Mr. John Wanamaker's candidacy for the United States Senate, now it is reported, with the argument that he "is too big an importer to be a friend and protector of American industry." And yet he raised a half million dollars by his own efforts a few years ago to help to elect a Protection President and Administration.—*Charleston News and Courier*, Dem.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Wilmington, Fifth Street Church, January 2, 3.
Wilmington, Grace church, January 9, 10.
Southport, January 16, 17.
Scott's Hill circuit, at Scott's Hill, January 20, 21.
Wilmington, at Market Street, January 31.
Wilmington, Bladen Street (night), January 31.
Burgaw circuit, at Rocky Point, February 6, 7.
Clinton circuit, at Kenner's, February 13, 14.
Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.
Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.
Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.
Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.
Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.
Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.
Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.
Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.
Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.
Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

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LUCIEN BONAPARTE.

He Was the Ablest and Most Courageous of the Emperor's Brothers.

The younger brother had, after the first juvenile heat of radicalism, become a moderate republican, holding his convictions resolutely. Having opposed the hereditary consulate for Napoleon, he withdrew, unmindful of any reward he might have claimed for his services of Brumaire, to lead a life of study and cultivate his inborn literary tastes. On the death of his first wife, by whom he had two daughters, he married, in direct opposition to Napoleon's wishes, the beautiful and accomplished Mme. de Jauberthon. This was in 1803. He had been importuned to put her away and lend himself to the project of buttressing the empire by himself accepting a crown and contracting a royal marriage. He was by far the ablest and most courageous of the Bonaparte brothers, but his heart was true, his principles were fixed, and he was utterly indifferent to the rise of Napoleonic empire.

It was with reluctance that he came to Mantua. There are two accounts of what happened there—that which has long been accepted of Napoleon offering and Lucien hotly refusing the crown of Portugal with the hand of Prince Ferdinand for his daughter Charlotte, and that which makes the first offer to have been Etruria. Both accounts agree, however, that the bid was raised to the promise of Italy—all on condition that he should divorce his wife and rule in the interest of his brother's imperial power. Lucien disdained even this bribe, declaring that he would accept the crown, but that he would rule in the interests of his subjects, and that he would in no case consider a divorce. Angry words were spoken. Napoleon crushed in his hand a watch with which he had been toying, hissing out that thus he would crush wills which opposed his. "I defy you to commit a crime," retorted Lucien.

Before parting there was a half reconciliation, and Napoleon requested that at least his brother's eldest daughter might be sent to Paris for use in his scheme of royal alliances. Lucien assented, and the child, a clever girl of about 14, was sent to live with Mme. Mere. She was thoroughly discontented and wrote bright, sarcastic letters to her stepmother, whom she loved, depicting the avarice of her grandmother and the foibles of her other relatives. These, like all other suspected letters of the time, were intercepted and read in the "cabinet noir." Their contents being made known to Napoleon, he sent the petulant, witty writer back to her father. Despairing of any support from Lucien or his family, Napoleon formally adopted his stepson Eugene, the viceroy, with a view to consolidating and confirming the Italian feeling of dependence on France.—Professor Sloane's "Life of Napoleon" in Century.

AUSTRIA'S BARBERS.

They Must Be Apprenticed Three Years and Pass Examination.

The Austrians take no chances with their barbers. They must be good, and the Barbers and Wigmakers' union of Vienna sees to it that they are. Provision is also made in their code for women barbers who desire to carry on the business of their husbands in case of the latters' death or illness.

But in order to do this the wife must have been enrolled in the union as an apprentice for three years. Apprentices, by the rules of the union, must appear in Vienna, in the presence of judges of the union, and show their skill before they are allowed to open shops of their own.

A properly certified barber must have a knowledge of and pass an examination in shaving, hair cutting, hair curling and wigmaking, and during the period before the issuance of a certificate the poor and others who are frugal serve as subjects for experiment.

At the examination the young men have their razors dulled by four strokes in a pine plank, and they must then sharpen them. A subject is assigned to each, who must be thoroughly perfect, in the opinion of the judges, when the apprentice has released him.

After this a certificate is issued, and the apprentice serves two years as a journeyman before he may open a shop as an employer. The average age of apprentices when they begin to learn their trade is 15 years.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Family Pets of Women.

The family of the late General McClellan were devoted to animals. Indeed Miss McClellan carried her devotion so far that she used to take her white mice (which were named, by the way, after the kings of the ancient Egyptian dynasties) to the [illegible] Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger and her celebrated turtle, Mlle. Michette, which attired in its rosy colored sash used to be brought in on a tray by the butler to show to casual callers. When the McClellans' house down town was burned some years ago the family pets included an elderly and infirm cat, Samuel J. Tilden by name. Mrs. McClellan stood on the sidewalk watching the destruction of her household goods and exclaimed in great anxiety, "Oh, where is Samuel?" A kindly fireman overheard her. "Do not fear, madam, the children will be all saved."

It is pleasant to record that Samuel was rescued uninjured.—New York Journal.

A Woman's Watch Pocket.

A pretty woman in a [illegible] carried her watch [illegible] well, where do you suppose? In her neck. Who but a pretty woman would think of putting it in such a place? As the youngsters say, she was a stunner. One of her fellow passengers in the stage dazed to reveal his astonishment that she thought a white satin neckband was a queer place for a watch. The owner of the tiny gold timepiece, which was not larger than a medium sized button, was of the brilliant brunette type, and I've seen a mettlesome black pony's eyes flash as hers did when she lifted her hand and jerked out of her soft satin stock her watch. She tucked it back a quarter of an inch beyond the turn of her exquisite chin, and the blue enameled fob chain, with its tiny ball, dangled unobtrusively just below the throatband of the white satin vest that completed her extremely modish attire.—New York Herald.

Jay Gould's Orchids.

[illegible] said to me the other day "he had no idea whatever of the value of orchids, his great hobby. The old orchid collection up at Irvington has run down now, but during Gould's lifetime it was one of the finest in the world. The amount of money that had been spent on it, however, was enormous. Careful, conservative buying by an orchid expert would have gathered it together at almost a fraction of the sum actually paid out. Many exquisite and rare varieties were in the collection, but excessive prices was paid for the most of them.

"The old financier's ways in this were well known, and people with fine orchids to sell seldom failed to get the most they asked. Actually, he used to pay as much as $50 at times for orchids that were hardly worth a quarter of that. In fact he had agents constantly on the lookout for rare plants and species, and he paid them prices that they could have obtained nowhere else."—New York Herald.

Gloom to Sunshine

Of ill health, despondency and despair, gives way to the sunshine of hope, happiness and health, upon taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it gives renewed life and vitality to the blood, and through that imparts nerve strength, vigor and energy to the whole body. Read this letter:

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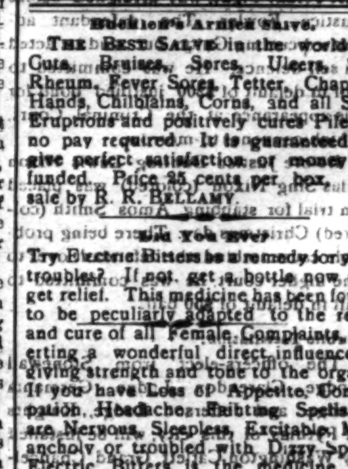

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Wholesale Prices Current.

The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the Star will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

BAGGING—		
2 lb Jute	[illegible]	[illegible]
Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sides	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shoulders	[illegible]	[illegible]
DRY SALTED—		
Sides	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shoulders	[illegible]	[illegible]
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00	1 10
New New York, each	[illegible]	[illegible]
New City, each	[illegible]	1 40
BEESWAX	23	24
BRICKS—		
Wilmington	6 50	7 00
Northern	[illegible]	[illegible]
BUTTER—		
North Carolina	[illegible]	[illegible]
Northern	[illegible]	[illegible]
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel in sacks	[illegible]	[illegible]
Virginia Meal	[illegible]	[illegible]
COTTON TIES— bundle	[illegible]	[illegible]
CANDLES—		
Sperm	[illegible]	25
Adamantine	[illegible]	[illegible]
CHEESE—		
Northern Factory	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dairy, Cream	[illegible]	[illegible]
State	[illegible]	10
COFFEE—		
Laguyra	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rio	[illegible]	[illegible]
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, yard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yarns, bunch	[illegible]	[illegible]
EGGS—	[illegible]	[illegible]
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, barrel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mackerel, No 1, half-barrel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mackerel, No 2, barrel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mackerel, No 2, half-barrel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mackerel, No 3, barrel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mullets, barrel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mullets, pork barrel	[illegible]	[illegible]
N. C. Roe Herring, keg	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dry Cod	[illegible]	[illegible]
Extra	[illegible]	[illegible]
FLOUR— barrel		
Low grade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Choice	[illegible]	[illegible]
Straight	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Patent	[illegible]	[illegible]
GLUE	[illegible]	[illegible]
GRAIN— bushel		
Corn, from store, bags—White	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn, from store, mixed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats, from store	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats, Rust Proof	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cow Peas	[illegible]	[illegible]
HIDES—		
Green	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dry	[illegible]	[illegible]
HAY— 100 lbs		
Eastern	[illegible]	[illegible]
Western	[illegible]	[illegible]
North River	[illegible]	[illegible]
HOOP IRON	[illegible]	[illegible]
LARD—		
Northern	[illegible]	[illegible]
North Carolina	[illegible]	[illegible]
LIME— barrel	[illegible]	[illegible]
LUMBER (city sawed) M feet—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rough-edge Plank	[illegible]	[illegible]
West India cargoes, according to quality	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scantling and Board, common	[illegible]	[illegible]
MOLASSES—		
New Crop Cuba, in hhds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Porto Rico, in hhds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sugar-House, in hhds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Syrup, in bbls	[illegible]	[illegible]
NAILS, keg, Cut 60d basis	[illegible]	[illegible]
PORK—		
City Mess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rump	[illegible]	[illegible]
Prime	[illegible]	[illegible]
ROPE	[illegible]	[illegible]
SALT, sack, Alum	[illegible]	[illegible]
Liverpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	[illegible]	[illegible]
American	[illegible]	[illegible]
On 125 lb Sacks	[illegible]	[illegible]
SHINGLES, per M	[illegible]	[illegible]
Common	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cypress Saps	[illegible]	[illegible]
SUGAR—		
Standard Gran'd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Standard A	[illegible]	[illegible]
White Ex. C	[illegible]	[illegible]
Extra C, Golden	[illegible]	[illegible]
C Yellow	[illegible]	[illegible]
SOAP— Northern	[illegible]	[illegible]
STAVES, M— W. O. barrel	[illegible]	[illegible]
R. O. Hogshead	[illegible]	[illegible]
TIMBER, M feet— Shipping	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mill, Prime	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mill, Fair	[illegible]	[illegible]
Common Mill	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inferior to Ordinary	[illegible]	[illegible]
TALLOW	[illegible]	[illegible]
WHISKEY, gallon— Northern	[illegible]	[illegible]
North Carolina	[illegible]	[illegible]

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, January 2.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 24½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 24 cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market quiet at $1 00 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Dull. Hard 1.40, Yellow Dip 1.90, and Virgin 1.80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 00@00c; rosin, strained, $1 30; good strained $1 35; tar $0 90; crude turpentine $1 10, 1 40, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	59
Rosin	987
Tar	249
Crude Turpentine	103

Receipts same day last year—114 casks spirits turpentine, 479 bbls rosin, 126 bbls tar, 1 bbl crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6⅝c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4¼	cts ₶ lb
Good Ordinary	5⅝	"
Low Middling	6¼	"
Middling	6⅝	"
Good Middling	6 15-16	"

Same day last year, middling 7¾c.

Receipts—407 bales; same day last year, 282.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.50 to 3.50; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, January 2—Evening.—Money on call was 1½@2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was dull, with actual business in bankers' bills 486@486¼ for sixty days and 488¼ for demand. Commercial bills 482@483. Government bonds steady; United States coupon fours 121; United States twos 95¼. State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 102½; North Carolina sixes 123¼. Railroad bonds higher.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to-day was neglected.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, January 1—Evening.—Flour was dull and unchanged; Southern dull, steady and unchanged; common to fair extra $2 00@3 25; good to choice $3 55@3 85. Wheat—spot dull and firmer with options; free on board $1 00; ungraded red 82c@$1 02; options were moderately active and firm at ⅛@¼c advance; No. 2 red January 91½c; March 93¼c; May 90c; July 85¼c. Corn—spot dull and firm; No. 2 29¾c at elevator and 30⅝c afloat; options were dull and firm at ⅛c advance; January 29⅝c; May 31¼c. Oats—spot quiet and firm; options dull and ⅛@¼c up; January 22⅛c; February [illegible]; spot prices No. 2 22½c; No. 2 white 24¾c; mixed Western 20@24½c. Lard was quiet and nominal; Continent $4 80; South America $4 80; compound $4 12½@4 50. Pork was steady and unchanged; new mess $8 25@8 75. Butter quiet at prices; State dairy 10@17c; do. creamery 14@23c. Eggs—market quiet; State and Pennsylvania 21@22c; ice house 14@15c; Western fresh 16@17c; do. per case $3 00@3 60; Southern 16@18c; limed 13½@14c. Cotton seed oil dull and nominal; crude 20c; yellow prime 23c. Rice quiet, firm and unchanged. Molasses quiet, easy and unchanged. Peanuts quiet; fancy hand-picked 3¼@4c. Coffee—Exchange closed; spot Rio dull but steady; No. 7 $10.12½@10.25. Sugar—raw dull but steady, fair refining 3 13-16c; refined quiet and firm; off A 4⅛@4¼c; standard A 4⅝c; cut loaf and crushed 5¼c; granulated 4⅝c.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Cash quotations: Flour dull and firm; prices unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring 80@81c; No. 2 red 91½@94c. Corn—No. 2 23@23¼c. Oats—No. 2 16⅝c. Mess pork, $7 62½@7 75. Lard, $3 [illegible]. Short rib sides $3 85@3 90. Dry salted shoulders $4 25@4 50. Short clear sides $3 87½@4 00. Whiskey $1 18.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—January 80, 80¾, 80, 80¾; May [illegible]. Corn—January [illegible]; May [illegible]; July [illegible]. Oats—January [illegible]; May [illegible]. Pork—January [illegible]; May [illegible]. Lard—January [illegible]; May [illegible]. Short ribs—January [illegible]; May [illegible].

BALTIMORE, January 2.—Flour dull. Wheat inactive and higher; spot 94⅝@94¾c; May 96¼@96¾c. Southern by sample 94@96c; do on grade 90⅝@94¼c. Corn strong; spot and January 27⅝@27¾c; February 28@28¼c; March 28⅝@28¾c; April 29¼@29⅜c; Steamer mixed 25⅝@26c; Southern corn 27¼c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white 23@24c; No. 2 mixed 21@22c.

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EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

NASSAU—Schooner Victory—308,000 shingles, 5 boxes meat, 78 bbls flour, 100 bushels peas, 25 packages sash, doors, etc.

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NEW YORK—Schr Wandegance—450,000 feet lumber, 800 piling.

NEW YORK—Stmr Croatan—683 bales cotton, 388 casks spirits turpentine, 904 bbls tar, 164 bags chaff, 5 bbls rosin, [illegible] bales [illegible], 170 pkgs mdse, 155 pkgs cotton goods.

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Mabel Darling (B), 113 tons, Roberts, Cronly & Morris.
Jacob S Winslow, 565 tons, Henley, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Emma Knowlton, 353 tons, Hudson, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Jno R Bell, 317 tons, Abraham, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Eva A Danenhower, 317 tons, Johnson, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

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When you've married Maud Muller and settled down,
And all of her folks live with you in town,
When you've duly indorsed her papa's note,
And loaned Brother Johnny your Sunday coat;
When the brand new trousers you haven't paid for
Have been altered for bloomers for mother-in-law,
Don't blame matrimony. There's nothing wrong.
For surely it is a grand, sweet song.

CHORUS.

A grand, sweet song,
A grand, sweet song,
Hark to the wedding bells' ding, dong!
Hark to the wedding bells' ding, dong!
Hurrah for the words of the thoughtful gent
And his song of genuine sentiment.

When you go for a fish on a dear friend's yacht
And manage to hook a fat jackpot,
And fill your bins with liquid bait
And are borne back home in royal state,
And Maud's up, waiting there all the time,
Just rolling her sleeves and speaks not in rhyme,
Don't blame matrimony. There's nothing wrong.
Indeed, indeed, 'tis a grand, sweet song.

When to bed you have put your little brood,
And you long for [illegible] desuetude;
When you see Tommy kick, yell and toss
As he tries to [illegible] after the boss,
And baby, who's said to softly coo,
Bursts forth in a regular hullabaloo—
Don't blame matrimony. There's nothing wrong.
Oh, yes, it is a grand, sweet song!
—Richmond Dispatch.

SOME ANIMAL HUNTERS.

Strategy by Which California Coyotes Ran Down a Jack Rabbit.

An Indian will often take a deer's trail when deer are scarce, and follow it for days, preventing the deer from feeding or resting and making it so weary and careless that in the end he kills it by a shot at short range. Probably the Indians first learned to follow a deer in this fashion from observing the habits of wolves, panthers and other wild and tireless trailers of game.

The coyote is not so strong a wolf as its big gray cousin in Maine and other wolf countries. Nevertheless he has been known to run the jack rabbit down as surely as death, but in a more expeditious way than the Maine animal adopted. Whether the coyote learned this trick from the Indians cannot be said for certain, but a story was told some time ago in a well known paper of such a trick, being backed by a similar story of English foxes, has every appearance of being truthful.

The two coyotes were seen to jump a rabbit one day out in California on a mesa. One of the coyotes took after it at full speed, and the other trotted to a near by slope and lay down, with its nose pointing away, knowing that the rabbit would surely circle. Presently along came the jack rabbit with the other coyote behind, both going full tilt. Up jumped the waiting coyote, and away it went after the rabbit, while the other dropped out of the chase and waited for it to come around again, to take the trail on the rabbit's return. It was not long before the rabbit was exhausted by the strategy and endurance of both the animals of prey, and it soon fell an easy victim to be eaten by both the hunters.

J. B. Bennet of Brooklyn saw a fox early one morning wait beside the open, projecting gap of a rabbit proof fence that surrounded a 40 acre plantation not far from the Marquis of Queensberry's game preserve in Scotland. Looking over into the inclosure, he saw another fox chasing the rabbits that had entered the open gate to get at the cabbages there. The rabbits—eight or ten of them—were headed for the gap and running like "cutty sarks." When one plunged through the gateway the fox lying in wait leaped and had it by the back of the neck in a jiffy. Then the foxes tore the rabbit to pieces and "enjoyed the feast like honest sportsmen."—New York Sun.

WHERE JOHN BULL GOT HIS NAME.

Story of the Origin of Great Britain's Character.

John Bull, the mythical personage supposed to represent the English people, and now figuring largely in our editorial writing and cartoons, was the invention of Dr. Arbuthnot in one of his satirical sketches ridiculing the great Duke of Marlborough. The name of Dr. Johnson Arbuthnot was "the great man of letters in Queen Anne's time." He drew John Bull as the typical Englishman, a stout, red faced old farmer, far too corpulent for comfort, choleric, but withal an honest and well meaning fellow. He clothed him in leather breeches and top boots, put a stout oaken cudgel in his hand and a bulldog at his heels and set him up for all time to serve as the representative of his nation.

He may have been not so bad a caricature in the days of Queen Anne, but today certainly there is much force in Leslie Stephen's remark that "he completely hides the Englishman of real life." The average Englishman of today is physically no stouter, certainly than—probably not so stout as—the average American, and the stout, choleric old squire and the bulldog are no longer apt symbols of the modern Englishman's disposition. He has lost the excessive pugnacity of his bulldog days and is, above all, anxious to keep the peace with his Uncle Samuel.—Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Stilby—Really, Miss Chatter, I don't know how you find so much to talk about. I am very glad to have been introduced to you. It is a pleasure to hear an original person talk.

Miss Chatter—Yes, I was afraid that she thought we would not get along nicely together. I think people of opposite characteristics are always likely to be congenial, don't you?—Detroit Free Press.

The late Siamese twins were the only two men who ever led irreproachable double lives.—Philadelphia Record.

GEMS OF QUICK WIT.

HAPPY ANSWERS WORTHY OF A PLACE IN LITERATURE.

Old Witticisms Which Are as Good Today as When They Were First Put Forth. Law Courts and Prisoners Furnish a Goodly Share.

Mr. Samuel Weller's memorable evidence at a certain breach of promise trial has a place on "record" for the greatest number of happy answers in the shortest time, but there are authenticated instances of actual utterances which certainly rival them in brilliance and appropriateness. The law courts, as may be imagined, furnish their full quota, but many are perforce unappreciable by those unacquainted with the technicalities or the "argot" of the forum. Still, Lamb's chaffing description of a friend's maiden brief as the "first great cause least understood" is incomprehensible except it be the quiet, acquiescent "That is so, my lord," of the barrister to whom an irate judge had just observed, "I can't give you brains, Mr. So-and-so." "I, myself, have two small manors, my lord," said a very ill bred, pompous counsel, to illustrate a question of property law. "We all know that, Mr. Kewsey," observed the judge with suave courtesy, and a smile of delight ran round the assembled bar. "Look at me, sir, and attend to what I shall ask you," thundered a learned counsel whose unfortunate "homeliness" of feature had gained him the sobriquet of the Veiled Prophet. "This is an English court," rejoined the witness quietly, "and you have no right to impose torture before putting the question."

Prisoners, too, have a fair proportion of "happy answers" credited to them. Of these perhaps the best known are that of a man who, when asked if he pleaded "guilty or not guilty," replied that he couldn't say till he had heard the evidence, and the naive response of the prisoner to the usual question before the sentence, "Have you anything to say, prisoner, before sentence is pronounced upon you?" "It's very kind of your lordship, but I'd be quite agreeable to go without it if you'd say 'Good evening.'" On one occasion counsel in a certain drainage case submitted that the plaintiffs, the Sewage Localization company, had "no 'locus standi' in this court." "Heaven forbid!" was the fervent ejaculation of the learned judge. Something akin to this was the answer of the judge when complaint was made that a plaintiff's process server had been compelled to flee before a writ which he endeavored to serve. "I hope," said his lordship gravely, "that the writ was not made returnable in this court."

The "happy answers," owing their point to Biblical or ecclesiastical allusion, are still more numerous, but in many cases are somewhat too audacious for print. "He is a regular St. Paul" was the final eulogy made by an enthusiastic friend of a certain needy clergyman whose chronic impecuniosity had brought him into painfully frequent familiarity with the various processes of the law for the recovery of debts. "Yes," said the bishop, whose assistance was being solicited, "quite so. I see—'in prisons oft!'" The pardonable but injudicious enthusiasm of some clergymen over their musical services has given rise to many smart sayings, which are, at any rate, "ben trovato." None, perhaps, is more witty than the retort of the exasperated visitor who, after being made to listen in torment to Gregorian chants cruelly murdered, was told that it was the tradition that those chants owed their origin to King David himself. The visitor, rendered reckless by his misery, retorted that he had often wondered why Saul threw his javelin at the royal psalmist, but he quite understood it now.

A famous wit is reported to have said in reply to the ecstatic declaration of an intending Benedict that "nothing in the world beats a good wife," "Oh, yes, a bad husband often does, and—'vice versa!'" One would like to have known the small girl who, in reply to her brother's jeers and inquiry, "Why girls should be kissed and not men?" said that, of course, it was because girls had nothing better to kiss and men had—but perhaps she studied the question too deeply and developed into the fair cynic who, after a season or two of conquests, gave it as her opinion that "men were cold, and ... very hard to get." Few sayings are recorded better than the answer of Beaconsfield to the question how he felt after the change from the stormy scenes of the commons to the serener atmosphere of the lords. "Feel!" answered the statesman. "I feel as though I were dead and buried," and then, noticing for the first time that his questioner was a peer, he added with a charming smile and bow, "and among the blessed spirits of the great and good." This adroit recovery from an unfortunate slip recalls the familiar story of the prince regent and the officer of marines. In those brave old days of free drinking the empty bottles which gathered apace were styled "marines," for what reason it is hard to say. The prince called a servant and bade him "clear away those marines." An officer of that distinguished corps who was present resented the observation as being in insult to his corps, and the prince, at once recognizing his mistake, apologized with a pleasant eulogy of Mr. Weller's apostle feed friend —"personal to the cloth," and request ed an explanation. "My dear colonel," said his royal highness, with winning courtesy, "I called them marines because, like your fellows, they've done their duty and are ready to do it again." This apt reply recalls the language of compliment claim a literature of their own, but one must serve "pour indiquer les autres." "We shall never forget you," said a queen of society to one of her subjects who was making his adieus. "I can only say that is a narrow only inducement not to return."—London Standard.

The "Electric Magnet."

Miss [illegible] Abbott, the "electric magnet," whose feats of strength created a considerable sensation some years ago, is interesting herself now the strong men of China and Japan. The Japanese wrestlers, whose physical strength is celebrated the world over, were unable to raise Miss Abbott from the floor, while with the tips of her fingers ... made strenuous efforts to lift light objects, such as a cane from a table. The Japanese papers say this is hypnotism, while the Chinese ... the powers of the ...

D'Aumale's Retort.

One of the friends of the Duc d'Aumale the other day, in talking to the prince of the coming marriage of the second daughter of the Duc de Chartres to the son of Marshal MacMahon, referred to its possible political effects. "Yes," said the former commander of the ... "the ... have been ...

Temper.

If a man has a quarrelsome temper, let him alone. The world will soon find him employment. He will soon meet with someone stronger than himself who will repay him better than you can. A man may fight duels all his life if he is disposed to quarrel.—Cecil.

SAW HIS OWN HEART.

UNPRECEDENTED EXPERIENCE OF A CHICAGO POLICEMAN.

One of the Bluecoats Injured by the Haymarket Bomb Saw In a Mirror the Beating of His Own Heart—Saved by a Delicate Surgical Operation.

It must be an uncanny sensation to look within your breast and actually see the pulsation of your own heart. Yet this has been the experience of Charles W. Whitney, one of the men in blue who was injured in the Chicago Haymarket riot. His chest was torn away by the explosion of a bomb, and as he lay in the hospital bed he saw, with the aid of a hand mirror, his own throbbing heart. What is still more marvelous, he recovered and is today doing a man's work and commands $100 a year more than an ablebodied policeman traveling a beat.

May 4, 1886, was a bloody night in Chicago history. One hundred and seventy stalwart men marched from the Desplaines Street station. They had been corralled there for several days anticipating a crisis, and at 10:30 o'clock the order to "fall in line" was given. The country thrilled with the horror that followed. The efforts to disperse the mob and the throwing of a bomb that burst between Lieutenants Stanton and Bowler's companies left over 60 officers lying in a heap on Haymarket square. One man died within an hour, and two others were hopelessly crippled by having their legs blown off. Other men were cruelly maimed, 14 of whom are now dead.

But of all the men Whitney stood the smallest possible chance of life. His breast was horribly mutilated, and bits of exploded bomb were imbedded perilously near the vital organs. He was taken to the hospital, and after the necessary probing the wound was sewed up.

Just before taking the stitches Dr. J. B. Murphy inquired:

"My brave boy, do you want to see what no man ever saw before?"

"Yes. What is it?" asked the officer feebly.

"Your own heart."

He handed his patient a mirror, and Whitney saw the greatest miracle ever given to human eyes. He now affirms that the heart is not a movable organ, for it neither leaps up into the throat nor descends into the boots. "In fact, it does not indulge in any of the acrobatic feats generally ascribed to it by imaginative writers. But he frankly acknowledges that he is incapable of expressing his sensation as he watched the oscillation of his heart.

Within a month he was able to return home and was supposed to be on the road to recovery. Later he suffered a relapse, and, after weeks of unparalleled suffering, Dr. Murphy decided to resort to the most extreme operation known to scientific surgery. In the history of surgical procedure in this country it was the third time it has ever been undertaken, the former cases having proved fatal. A careful examination indicated that a piece of the bomb casing penetrated the breastbone, passing about midway between the second and third ribs, and was located about one-eighth of an inch from the pericardium. Like a magnet coquetting with a piece of metal, every throb of the heart brought the piece of shell nearer until the piercing of the organ was inevitable.

The operation was set for Friday, Nov. 6, 1886. Relatives and friends of the injured man protested, and, this coming to his ears, he said:

"I am going to make a test case of this and see if there is anything wrong with Friday."

The eventful morning came. The old wound was completely healed, but the flesh was laid open and Dr. Murphy proceeded to bore a hole through the officer's breastbone, very much as a skillful carpenter would bore an inch hard wood stick. The instrument used was a trephine suitable for making a hole five-eighths of an inch in diameter.

The delicate operation was a marvelous success, for at the foot of this tiny tunnel lay the piece of bomb, which was easily plucked out with a pair of tweezers. It was cone shaped and composed of almost equal parts of copper, zinc and lead and was coated ... in the ... lining of the heart.

It was over a year before it healed, and during that time he wore a silver drainage tube. But it was several years before he was able to do any manual labor. Meanwhile he watched the anarchists' trial, kept in touch with his comrades at the station and was detailed for light service. Then for three years he drove a patrol wagon and afterward served ... a couple of years he was officer at the Goodrich school, and two years ago he was appointed at the Carter Harrison public bath, where his star awes unruly urchins, large and small. He draws a regular salary for his service, and as long as he lives he will have a pension. The laws provide for this.

Whitney is a handsome man, with large gray eyes and brown mustache. Suffering has given his face the characteristics of a scholar rather than a man of muscle. His conversations with physicians have given him a scientific knowledge of anatomy, which is perhaps not so remarkable considering he is the only man in the world who has seen his own heart.—Chicago Cor. Philadelphia Times.

Its Use.

In a primary school the teacher undertook to convey to her pupils an idea of the use of the hyphen. She wrote on the blackboard "bird's-nest," and, pointing to the hyphen, asked the school, "What is that for?"

After a short pause a young son of the Emerald isle piped out, "Please, ma'am, for the bird to roost on."—London Tit-Bits.

Invulnerable.

The girl confronted him without faltering. In her defiance she was magnificent.

"Do your worst," she cried. "I am not a new woman. I am neither married nor engaged. I do nothing to conceal my age. I never bathe in the surf. I do not shop. I haven't the remotest idea if I can cook or not."

With a snort of baffled rage the humorist fled.—Detroit Tribune.

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U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	50,000 00	Undivided profits	[illegible]
Banking House and Fixtures	10,0 0 00	Circulation	[illegible]
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Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 p m, Halifax 4.10 p m, arrive Scotland Neck at 5.05 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7.55 p m. Returning, leave Kinston 7.20 a m, Greenville 8.22 a m. Arriving Halifax at 11.00 a m, Weldon 11.20 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4.00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 a m and 6.30 p m, arrive Washington 11.00 a m and 7.30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.50 a m, arrives Tarboro 9.10 a m.

Train on Midland, N. C., Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a m, arriving Smithfield 8.30 a m. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 a m; arrives Goldsboro, N. C., 10.25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8.00 a m, Nashville 8.35 a m, arrive at Rocky Mount 9.05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leaves Clinton at 6.45 a m and 2.50 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9.43 a m, Rowland 9.50 a m, returning leave Rowland 6.10 p m, arrive Dillon 6.25 p m, Latta 6.35 p m, Pee Dee 6.55 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2.30 p m, Chadbourn 5.35 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8.55 a m, 9.40 a m, and 8.00 ... arrive Darlington 9.20 a m, 10.00 ... p m, leave Darlington 9.31 a m and 10.40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10.40 a m and 12.30 p m. leave Cheraw ... Wadesboro 2.25 p m. Returning leave Wadesboro 3 p m, arrive Cheraw 4.45 p m, leave Cheraw 5.15 p m, arrive Darlington 7.10 p m and 6.25 p m, leave Darlington 7.55 p m and 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 8.40 p m, 6.55 a m and 8.15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7.30 a m, Darlington 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 8.10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 p m, Darlington 9.30 p m, arrive Floyds 9.40 p m.

Trains on Manchester & Augusta Railroad ... Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6.41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m; Sumter 9.03 a m ... leave Sumter 6.45 p m, Darlington 8.35 p m, arrive Bennettsville 9.36 p m, Gibson 9.59 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter ... Manning 6.50 p m, arrive Lanes 7.27 p m, leave Lanes 8.35 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.00 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.18 p m, arrive Selma 2.55 p m, Smithfield 3.03 p m, Dunn 3.38 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.40 a m, Rowland 5.39 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.37 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 12.55 p m, arrive Wilson 1.42 p m, 12.10 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 20 a m, Creston 5 17 a m, arrive Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 37 p m, Creston 5.50 p m, Sumter 6.39 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3.50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.45 p m, arrive Lucknow 1.00 p m and 8.30 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6.00 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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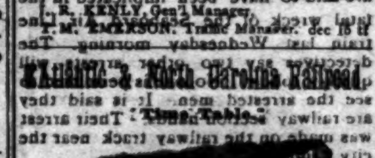

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST.			GOING WEST.	
Passenger Daily Ex. Sunday		STATIONS.	Passenger Daily Ex. Sunday	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
[illegible]	[illegible]	Goldsboro	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Kinston	[illegible]	[illegible]
5 35	5 25	Newbern	[illegible]	[illegible]
6 57	6 42	Morehead City	[illegible]	[illegible]
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 a. m., and with Southern Railway ... Train 3 connects with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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SOUTH BOUND DAILY	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY
No. 1.		No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar.... Wilmington.... Lv	7 10 a. m.
4 25 "	Lv.... Fayetteville .... Ar	11 00 "
4 18 "	Lv.... Fayetteville Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar. Fayetteville Junc. Lv	11 27 "
2 55 "	Lv.... Sanford Lv	1 00 p. m.
12 41 "	Lv.... Climax Lv	3 00 "
12 10 "	Lv.... Greensboro .... Ar	3 18 "
11 55 a m	Ar.... Greensboro Lv	3 28 "
11 07 "	Lv.... Stokesdale Lv	4 10 "
10 22 "	Lv.... Walnut Cove Lv	4 40 "
10 04 "	Lv.... Rural Hall Lv	5 10 "
8 40 "	Lv.... Mt Airy .... Ar	6 35 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY
No. 3.		No. 4.
7 40 p. m.	Ar.... Bennettsville.... Lv	8 20 a. m.
6 17 "	Lv.... Maxton .... Ar	9 40 "
5 26 "	Lv.... Red Springs ..... Ar	10 18 "
4 45 "	Lv.... Hope Mills Lv	11 01 "
4 25 "	Lv.... Fayetteville ..... Ar	11 19 "

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday.
No. 15. MIXED.		No. 16. MIXED.
6 00 p. m.	Ar.... Ramseur Lv	6 45 a. m.
4 15 "	Lv.... Climax Lv	8 35 "
3 20 "	Lv.... Greensboro .. Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 MIXED. daily ex sun
Leave Greensboro	9 35 a. m.
Leave Stokesdale	10 17 "
Arrive Madison	11 35 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15 MIXED. daily ex sun
Leave Madison	12 30 p m
Leave Stokesdale	1 28 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 40 "

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At Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western Railroad for Roanoke and points North and West, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company for Raleigh, Richmond and all points North and East, at Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line for all points South, at Maxton with the Seaboard Air Line for Charlotte, Atlanta and all points South and Southwest.

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		No. 41	No. 403
		P. M.	A. M.
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	[illegible]	
Arrive Maxton		[illegible]	
Arrive Hamlet		[illegible]	
Leave Hamlet		7 15	[illegible]
Arrive Wadesboro		[illegible]	[illegible]
Arrive Monroe		[illegible]	[illegible]
Leave Monroe		[illegible]	[illegible]
Arrive Charlotte		[illegible]	[illegible]
Arrive Lincolnton		[illegible]	[illegible]
Arrive Shelby		[illegible]	[illegible]
Arrive Rutherfordton		[illegible]	[illegible]
Leave Hamlet	S. A. L.	[illegible]	
Arrive Gibson		[illegible]	
Kollock		[illegible]	
Cheraw		[illegible]	
Leave Cheraw	S. A. L.		[illegible]
Kollock			[illegible]
Osborne			[illegible]
Arrive Hamlet			[illegible]
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.		
Arrive Monroe			
Arrive Chester			[illegible]
Clinton			[illegible]
Greenwood			[illegible]
Abbeville			[illegible]
Elberton			[illegible]
Athens			[illegible]
Atlanta			[illegible]
Leave Atlanta	A. & W. P.		
Arrive Montgomery	West of Ala.	[illegible]	
Arrive Mobile	L. & N.	[illegible]	
New Orleans		[illegible]	
Arrive Columbia	C. N. & L.	[illegible]	P. M. 4 30
Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Arrive Macon	M. & N.		P. M. 6 40

EAST AND NORTH.

		No. 38	No. 402
		P. M.	
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	[illegible]	
Arrive Hamlet		[illegible]	[illegible]
Leave Hamlet		8 15	10 35
Arrive Southern Pines		[illegible]	[illegible]
Raleigh		[illegible]	[illegible]
Henderson		[illegible]	[illegible]
Weldon		[illegible]	[illegible]
Arrive Portsmouth		[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk		[illegible]	[illegible]
Arrive Richmond	A. C. L.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Washington	P. R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baltimore		[illegible]	[illegible]
Philadelphia		[illegible]	[illegible]
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SUNDAY MORNING, JAN. 3, 1897

INCREASED VIGILANCE

By the United States Government to Prevent Violation of Neutrality by Filibusters.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Increased vigilance in the filibuster patrol along the Florida coast is to be exhibited by the Government and no effort spared to prevent the violation of neutrality. Not only have orders for the return North of the cruiser Newark, at Key West, been countermanded, but orders have been issued for the dispatch boat Dolphin, heretofore utilized wholly as an executive yacht, to proceed to the Florida coast at once, and she is expected to leave the Washington Navy Yard tonight for her new duty. As soon as she can be made ready, the dynamite gunboat Vesavius will be sent to supplement the naval and revenue cutter force, and if necessary the torpedo boats Cushing and Ericson will speedily follow them.

All these vessels are admirably adapted for the work, particularly the torpedo vessels, which can enter all the lagoons and cruise among the keys. Commander Richardson Clover has spent the past week at the Navy Department studying the latest charts of the coast to find just what inlets he can safely enter with the Dolphin, which draws only 14½ feet, and yet possesses a speed of over 15 knots. She is well armed with a main battery of two 4 inch rapid fire rifles, besides a secondary complement of two 6 pounder rapid fire guns. The orders which were issued by the department several days ago to put the Vesuvius into commission at the League Island navy yard on the 19th instant, with Lieutenant Commander John E Pillsbury, of the War College, in command, contemplated the immediate dispatch of that vessel to Florida. She has nearly 22 knots speed, and could easily overhaul any filibuster. She is expected to report at Key West about January 15. The Dolphin should reach Jacksonville on Monday.

No more revenue cutters are available for the service in connection with maintaining the neutrality and navigation laws. The Forward, the McLean and the Winona are stationed along the Florida coast from Tampa on the west to Cape Florida on the east. The Boutwell at Jacksonville, the Colfax at Charleston, and the Morrill at Wilmington, are also assigned to that duty. Five other cutters stationed along the Atlantic coast are required for winter patrol duty.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT

Showing Decrease During December—Cash in the Treasury—The Gold Reserve.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The debt statement issued this afternoon shows a net decrease in the public debt less cash in the Treasury during December, of $3,839,577. The interest-bearing debt increased $170. The non-interest bearing debt increased $138,534, and cash in the Treasury increased $3,968,281. The balances of the several classes of debt at the close of business December 31st were: Interest-bearing debt, $847,864,690; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, $1,888,070; debt bearing no interest, $372,503,201. Total, $1,221,249,961.

The certificates and Treasury notes offset by an equal amount of cash in the Treasury outstanding at the end of the month were $580,809,378, an increase of $13,985,650; the total cash in the Treasury was $858,468,551; the gold reserve was $100,000; cash balance $128,330,879.

In the month there was an increase in gold coin and bars of $5,676,881, the total at the close being $175,208,983. Of silver there was a decrease of $64,866. Of the surplus there was in national bank depositories $16,159,153 against $15,859,894 at the end of the previous month.

RICHARD CROKER

Was in Atlanta and Augusta, Ga., Yesterday and Gave His Views on the Political Situation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 2.—Richard Croker, of New York, stopped here today on his way to Belle Meade stock farm, near Nashville, Tenn. He was non-committal on politics until pressed for a suggestion as to 1900. Then he said, deliberately: "Mr. McKinley was elected on the idea that Republican success would be followed by prosperity. Unless times get better, Mr. Bryan or some one on his line will be elected in 1900 by the most overwhelming majority ever given to a candidate for President."

Mr. Croker asked many questions about Mr. Bryan's recent lecture here.

AUGUSTA, GA., Jan. 2.—Richard Croker, Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, Hon. John D. Crimmens and a party of other well known New Yorkers, were in Augusta to-day. They were entertained by ex-Senator Patrick Walsh, President D. D. Kyer, of the Augusta railway, and other prominent citizens.

Mr. Croker left in the afternoon for Belle Meade Farm, Tennessee, in which he has an interest with General Jackson.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat, Corn and Oats Closed at An Advance—Pork Produces Higher.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, January 2.—Wheat inaugurated the new year by scoring a sharp advance in prices to day. May wheat opened from 83⅝@83¾c, advanced to 85, closing at 84⅞. 1⅝c higher than Thursday. Cash wheat was strong and 1¾c per bushel higher.

May corn opened at 25¾c, sold between 25⅝ and 25⅞@26c, closing at 25⅞c, ¼@⅜c higher than Thursday.

May oats closed ¼c higher. Cash oats were firm with no essential alteration in prices.

Speculation in products was fair, with an average steady tone present. The hog market afforded no sustaining assistance, as it was weak and lower. The feeling exhibited in grain, however, helped. May pork closed 13½@15c higher; May lard 5c higher and May ribs 5@7½c higher.

BANK FAILURE.

A Savings Institution at Omaha Closes Its Doors.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OMAHA, Neb., January 2—The Omaha Savings bank failed to open for business this morning. Ex-Senator Manderson is president of the bank, and J. E. Wilbur is cashier. The bank was established in 1883. Six months ago its deposits were $1,500,000, but withdrawals have reduced them to less than $900,000. The face value of assets almost reaches $1,000,000 and the surplus $185,000.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 2.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 75. Spirits turpentine quiet at 36½@37½c.

STEAMER COMMODORE.

THE ILL-FATED FILIBUSTER SUNK AT SEA.

All the Men on Board Saved—The Story of the Accident Told by One of the Crew.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Jan. 2.—The steamer Commodore sank in twenty fathoms of water twenty miles northeast of Mosquito inlet at 3 o'clock this morning. All of the men on board were saved and twelve of them reached Jacksonville to-night. The story of the accident, as told by one of the men, is as follows: "The steamer crossed the St. John's bar at 9 o'clock Friday afternoon, and at midnight was one hundred miles down the coast. One of the men went into the hold for something and found it half full of water. Great excitement prevailed, but the pumps were started and every one on board put to work bailing. The water gained steadily and at 3 o'clock the steamer was deserted, R. A. Delgano taking command of one boat with eleven men in it, and Capt. Murphy commanding the other. The boat is said to have been overloaded with coal when it left here, and it is thought that she sprung her seams when she grounded on Commodore's point in going down the St. John's. Stephen Crane, the novelist, was on board, and was in Capt. Murphy's boat. The Cubans here are downhearted over the accident, especially as the Commodore was expected to carry the men left by the Three Friends on No Name Key.

W. A. Bisbee, owner of the Dauntless, received information that a large body of men and a cargo had been taken from No Name Key to-day. Many of the men were in a helpless condition. The Dauntless was to wait and meet the Commodore and deliver the men and cargo to her.

This confirms the reports received from Key West Friday night, stating that the Dauntless was anchored off No Name Key Friday afternoon, taking out men and cargo. The Cubans here are very much concerned over the report that many of the men are in a helpless condition. It is not believed that any of them were wounded when fired upon by the Spanish patrol boat off the Cuban coast, but that their condition is the result of exposure on No Name Key. The key is a deserted island and the men have had no protection from the weather for the past ten days. It is believed that those who are too weak to be taken on the Commodore will be brought to this port on the Dauntless.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Wm. A. Hammond, Second Vice President of the Failed National Bank of Illinois.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—William A. Hammond, who was second vice president of the failed National Bank of Illinois, went from his Evanston home partly dressed and evidently demented, in the gloomy darkness and wind swept rain, about 2 o'clock this morning, and leaving a trail of torn and twisted private papers in his path, sought the Dempster street pier, from which he threw himself into the icy water of Lake Michigan, to obtain relief from the troubles which have piled upon him in the past two weeks. The body was found shortly after noon by two boys at the foot of Church street, whither it had been carried by the undertow. It was taken to the morgue and an inquest was held.

Ten days ago a local morning paper published a sensational and lengthy attack upon Mr. Hammond's honesty as an officer of the Bank of Illinois. It directly accused him of wrecking the institution, of playing the role of "Kiter," of speculating with other people people's money, of practicing carefully planned deception on his fellow directors and the depositors for years and of sealing the lips of President Schneider by allowing the accounts of Weiss and Berger, sons-in-law of the the president, to pass safe bounds. This paper alleged: "He has violated, wilfully and deliberately, the law which is supposed to protect the public from the operations of such as he."

Referring to these changes, friends of Mr. Hammond united in declaring that he was driven to his death.

Mr. Hammond had been employed in Chicago banks for twenty-five years, beginning as a messenger and being steadily promoted from the beginning of his employment in the failed bank. He carried $60,000 life insurance

LOUISIANA CYCLONE.

Dwellings Blown Down—Four Persons Killed and Twenty Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SHREVEPORT, LA., Jan. 2.—A cyclone from the southwest struck and almost literally demolished the town of Mooringsport, just north of this city, at 5 45 p. m. to-day. Over twenty dwellings were blown down, only seven buildings being left intact. Four persons were killed and twenty wounded.

The dead: Willie Goodman, Maud Goodman, Hill Goodman, infant daughter, of Mr. Jesse Goodman. Three of the wounded will probably die. The cyclone came suddenly and lasted only about one minute.

TRAIN WRECKERS

Arrested in Raleigh—Said to Be Implicated in the Recent Wreck on the S. A. L.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2.—At the instance of a negro detective the police here to-day arrested two negroes, who are said to have been implicated in the fatal wreck of the Seaboard Air Line train last Wednesday morning. The detectives say two other arrests will quickly follow. No one is permitted to see the arrested men. It is said they are railway section hands. Their arrest was made on the railway track near the city boundary.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

The Visible Supply of Cotton—The Crop in Sight.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 4,944,733 bales, of which 3,921,533 bales are American, against 4,093,930 bales and 3,723,790 respectively last year. Receipts of cotton this week at all interior towns 191,053 bales. Receipts from the plantations 245,806. Crop in sight 6,990,081 bales.

The weekly statement of the associated banks showsl the following changes: Reserve, decrease, $1,023,950; loans, increase, $3,703,500; specie, decrease, $495,700; legal tenders, increase, $689,700; deposits, increase, $4,947,800; circulation, decrease, $159,900. The banks now hold $33,986,950 in excess of legal requirements.

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BOLD SAFE ROBBERS

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The Building Set on Fire and Partly Destroyed—Narrow Escape of the Inmates—Loss Covered By Insurance—The Paper Will Appear as Usual This Morning.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, January 2—The *Observer* building sustained a disastrous loss by fire to-night, the result of an explosion in the office of the business manager of the job department, on the second floor. The explosion was the work of safe robbers, who attempted to blow open the safe in the office. The paper stock in the room was instantly ignited, and the fire spread with such rapidity that the men in the newspaper composing rooms barely had time to get out, losing their coats, hats and other effects.

The second floor was wholly, and the third partly gutted. A new book bindery plant had just been put in on the second floor, and this was entirely destroyed, and all the presses were more or less burned besides the loss of a $3,000 stock of paper.

The *Observer's* battery of Mergenthaler type-setting machines was swept by the fire, the bolts being burned off and the key-boards melted.

The loss is fully covered by insurance. The police claim to have a clue to the safe-blowers. The combination and its outworks were blown from the safe and the hinges were missing but the door withstood the shock.

The *Observer* will appear in the morning as usual.

TARIFF HEARINGS.

Flax, Hemp and Jute Manufacturers Before the House Ways and Means Committee.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—To-day was the fifth day of the tariff hearings before the House Committee on Ways and Means, the subject of discussion being "flax, hemp and their manufactures." There was quite a large attendance of persons interested in the industries.

The first manufacturer to be heard was Mr. William Rutherford, of Oakland, Cal., who said that in California they were engaged in making twine, yarn and clothing, a great many varieties. The first of these mills was started there about thirty years ago, and within that time the business had increased largely. They now wanted a reasonable protection to run their mills, and he suggested such changes in the tariff as were considered necessary for the purpose.

J. N. Bemis, of Boston, representing the burlap bag manufacturing companies of this country, claimed that there was no burlap industry here to compete with that abroad, and therefore no industry to protect. He requested a duty on burlap bags sufficient to cover the difference in the cost of labor here and abroad. He wanted free burlaps and free burlap cloth the proper width for making bags. Jute, he held, could not be grown here under any conditions. In case a high duty was imposed on jute and burlap cloth the India Government would meet it by giving an export bounty on the products. If it was necessary to obtain some duty from burlap cloth he asked that it not exceed ½ cent per pound, and that the return of second hand bags made here be prohibited, as it would lead to fraud.

E. R. Biddle, of New York, said that the samples submitted by Mr. Rutherford, of California, as coming in free of duty at San Francisco, were paying duty at New York, and suggested that the attention of the Treasury Department be called to the fraud.

C. E. Pearce, of St. Louis, representing the manufacturers of cotton bagging and cordage, asked for the restoration of the duty on these articles provided in the McKinley bill. He said that the free importation of jute and other fibres had displaced annually 3,000,000 bales of American cotton. In his opinion cordage could stand a reduction (under the McKinley rate) from 1¾ cents to 1 cent and binding twine ⅝ of a cent to about ½ cent.

R. W. McCreery, of Frankfort, Ky., said that he was president of a company which had been making hemp binding twine for a number of years. He wanted to say that the product was an excellent one and could be successfully made here.

Mr. Pearce, replying to a question, said that jute or ramie could be grown at any place south of Lexington.

The committee adjourned until Monday, when the tobacco interest will be heard.

HAVANA ADVICES.

Gen. Weyler's Latest Edicts—Reports of Engagements With the Insurgents—Rumors of the Death of Another Cuban Leader.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Jan. 2.—Gen. Bosch, with his column, has arrived at Guisa, in the province of Santiago de Cuba, successfully surmounting the obstacles which the strongly entrenched rebels placed in his way. The column had engagements with the rebels at Loma Piedra and Manzanallo, dislodging the enemy from their positions and forcing them to retire, leaving many dead on the field. Gen. Bosch's loss was one major, one captain, two lieutenants and a surgeon wounded, and three privates killed and twenty-nine wounded.

In other encounters reported from several provinces forty-one insurgents were killed and a large number wounded and taken prisoners.

HAVANA, Jan. 2.—Gen. Weyler has issued from his camps at Bayeie two edicts, bearing date of yesterday. One of them prohibits the storage or sale of hardware, saddlery, clothing, provisions or medicines in unfortified towns. It also absolutely prohibits the removal of such goods from the towns in the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas without a military permit. It is ordered that eight days after the date of the edict, all stores in unprotected villages and hamlets must be closed and their goods removed to stronger places. This applies also to stores on unfortified sugar estates in the provinces of Santa Clara, Puerto Principe and Santiago de Cuba. Those persons who violate the edict will be considered rebel sympathizers, and will be tried and condemned as such.

The other edict orders the formation of zones of cultivation around the towns, and allows for the cultivation of vegetables a piece of ground free of charge, to each family concentrated in the towns under previous edicts. These persons will be allowed to hold the land free of all charges for six months after the insurrection shall have been suppressed. An exception is made, however, in the case of those families which have a brother or husband in the rebel ranks. To these no land will be allotted.

It is rumored that the rebel leader Jose Maria Aguirre, has died from pneumonia.

An engagement has taken place at Blanquizal, province of Pinar del Rio, between a rebel party and a detachment of Spanish troops. The rebels were defeated after losing twenty of their number killed. The Spanish loss was a major, a lieutenant and two privates seriously wounded.

Treasury balances—coin, $139,207,547; currency, $36,995,854.

ANOTHER FAILURE.

Savings Bank at White Hall, Michigan, Closed by the State Examiner.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WHITE HALL, Mich., January 2.—Bank Examiner Angell this morning closed the White Hall Savings bank, posting a notice on the door that he had taken possession. Much excitement prevails. According to last report, issued by the bank, it shows about $80,000 in deposits and about $3,000 on hand; loans and discounts $93,000; stocks, bonds and mortgages $4,500; surplus $1,000. The officers of the bank have made no statement.

WARM WIRELETS.

A heavy snow storm, the first of the season, is raging over Kansas. Cattle will suffer in the West.

Waller won the contest in the six-day race at Washington, D. C., his score being 847 miles, 5 laps, 89 8 feet.

Walter Goodman, engineman and fireman at the Staunton, Va., postoffice, was arrested yesterday, charged with robbing the United States mail.

The comptroller of the currency has authorized the Charlotte National Bank of Charlotte, N. C., to begin business with a capital of $125,000.

The Western Paperbag Company, of Batavia, Ills., one of the Van Nortwick plants, was placed in the hands of a receiver yesterday by the United States court.

A fire was raging last night in the business portion of Nashville, Tenn., an area of about an acre and a half had been burnrd over; the loss will reach millions.

National Bank Examiner Ashcir, took possession of the Citizens National Bank at Fargo, N. P. Little excitement was created, as the general opinion is the embarrassment is only temporarily.

After an idleness of nearly three months, the blooming mill of the Bethlehem, Pa., Iron Company started up, and other departments, employing more than 1,000 men, will resume on Monday.

As a result of continued wet weather throughout Nebraska, farmers have begun to utilize a part of their immense corn crop for fuel, for fear it may spoil. The market price is only nine cents a bushel.

London, Eng., was enveloped in a heavy black fog yesterday and business in consequence was practically suspended. A large number of street accidents, mostly collisions of vehicles and pedestrians occurred.

Henry Husted, cashier of the Union county National bank, Liberty Ind., committed suicide by hanging. Mr. Husted was 67 years of age. His financial affairs are in good condition and no motive can be assigned for self-destruction.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of the late Joseph Cullagh, editor of the *Globe Democrat*, who was killed by falling from a window in his residence last Thursday, was rendered at noon to-day and stated that death was due to accident.

A telegram from Matthews, Ga., says a sensation was created in that town by the discovery of the elopement of A. W. Tarver, with the wife of L. A. Canus, his partner in business. They are supposed to be in Charleston, S. C.

Foiling a Malignant.

A malicious person, who took pleasure in giving pain, tried to mortify Dr. Guthrie, the eloquent Scotch preacher. But the young minister—the incident happened at Arbirlot, his first parish—took the wind out of his sails and left him bobbing in the shame of failure.

The malignant man had been very ill, and being an attendant at the parish church, the minister, as soon as the doctor would permit, visited him. The man expected the call and was prepared for it. It was at a time when the controversy that resulted in the formation of the Free church was raging throughout Scotland, and a scurrilous pamphlet had been published against Dr. Guthrie, which he had heard of, but not seen.

The malignant man, who had secured a copy of the pamphlet, thought to mortify his minister by getting him to take it home and read it. No sooner had the clergyman finished praying with him and risen to his feet to go than the man said:

"Oh, Mr. Guthrie, here is a pamphlet about you!"

Guthrie, seeing malice gleaming in the man's eyes, and suspecting the truth, asked, "Is it for or against me?"

"Oh," he replied, "it is against you."

"Ah, well, you may keep it," answered the minister, with a laugh. "Had it been for me I would have read it. I never read anything that is against me!"

"Never did a man look more chapfallen than he," said Dr. Guthrie, relating the incident. He added, "My answer is one which, if given in similar circumstances, would put an end to much mischief."—Youth's Companion.

Victors Supply Hard Boiled Eggs.

There is a strange custom attendant upon local elections which has existed in Brown township, Delaware county, O., for the last 80 years. It is that of eating 40 dozen hard boiled eggs on election night at the expense of the successful candidates. Neither the bill of fare nor the number of eggs is ever varied. Each year a committee is selected to secure the eggs and prepare the feast. When the count is finished, the eggs are passed around and the banquet begins. The persons who are elected foot the bill. Party feeling never interferes with this part of the election proceedings, and it is an unwritten law that the feast is to be furnished. But one man ever dared to brave popular sentiment and refuse to pay his share of the expense. He had been elected by a good plurality, but was turned down at the next election for no other reason than his want of respect for the custom. The election for the township is held at the little village of Eden, where the greater part of the township is gathered on the night of the feast. No one knows how the ceremony originated.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Obliging a Lawyer.

A celebrated criminal lawyer, having just defended a noted assassin so brilliantly that the wretch was acquitted in the face of overwhelming evidence, steps up to the judge. "A word in your ear, your lordship."

Judge—Well, what is it?

"I would ask that the prisoner be detained in jail until tomorrow morning. I have to cross a lonely field on my way home, and the rascal happens to know that I have money about me."

Obliging Judge—Oh, certainly.—Strand Magazine.

Vegetable Paper.

The ancient Mexicans made a good article of paper from the pith of the maguey plant. By pressure the fibers were condensed into a tolerably strong fabric, which received ink and color very well. Many specimens of the Mexican paper are to be found in the world's museums, and in the National library in the City of Mexico there are great numbers of manuscripts and documents composed of this paper.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system. †

ORIGIN OF ICEBERGS.

A New South Wales Scientist Advances a Theory of Their Formation.

In a paper read before the Royal society of New South Wales Mr. H. C. Russell dealt with the origin and release of icebergs. As is known, the number of icebergs met with between the cape of Good Hope and Australia differs greatly, being much more numerous in some years than in others. There has, for example, within the past few years been a very large accession of enormous icebergs, and it has been suggested as an explanation of this that unusually heavy falls of snow may account for it by accelerating the motion of the ice.

Mr. Russell, however, assures us that the circumstances forbid the acceptance of this view, because the motion of the glacier depends mainly on the declivity down which it is descending, and that does not alter. The piling up of snow could not in one year cause such a marked increase in the rate of flow as would be necessary to account for the enormous increase in the number of icebergs which appear from time to time. It is obvious that there must be a force sufficient to break off the icebergs which are slowly forming on the shore and to do it at irregular periods separated by many years, and in Mr. Russell's opinion the true cause is found in the volcanoes of the antarctic continent.

When these burst forth in eruption, and by that act shake the foreshores, the icebergs are broken off from the glaciers. This view is to some extent confirmed by the report of the United States hydrographic office on the floating ice seen during 1892 and 1893 in the south Atlantic east of Cape Horn. In that report it is stated that the icebergs were of such size that they could not have been formed on small, low lying islands, but only on a large continent, where glaciers of great height could form.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Lord Leighton.

Although an Englishman, Leighton was brought up abroad, and this is no doubt a sufficient reason why his works seem to stand apart from those of his contemporaries of the English school. Born at Scarborough on the 3d of December, 1830, the son of a doctor, he was taken abroad at a very early age on account of his mother's delicate health. In 1840 the Leightons went to Rome, where he learned drawing regularly under Signor Meli. They then moved to Dresden and Berlin, where he attended classes at the academy. In 1843 he was sent to school at Frankfort, and in the winter of the following year accompanied his family to Florence. It was here that his future career was finally settled. His father consulted Hiram Powers, the celebrated American sculptor, who, in answer to the question, "Shall I make him an artist?" replied, "Sir, you have no choice in the matter; nature has done it for you."—Cosmo Monkhouse in Scribner's.

The Cockney View.

While the tower of Babel was being built a bricklayer on the top scaffolding bawled out to a laborer below to bring up some bricks. While the laborer gazed upward, open mouthed, a large lump of mortar fell from the bricklayer's trowel and lodged in his mouth. We are told that the guttural sounds he made in ejecting the mortar formed the basis of the German language.—London Globe.

A Good Thing.

Johnny (who has been watching a funeral for the first time)—Mamma, why do they all wear black?

Mamma—People always wear black when they have lost any of their family.

Johnny—And do they have to get everything new?

Mamma—Oh, I suppose so.

Johnny—Well, it's a good thing the Smiths' cat is black.—New York Journal.

BLOOD IS LIFE and upon the purity and vitality of the blood depends the health of the whole system. Experience proves Hood's Sarsaparilla to be the best blood purifier.

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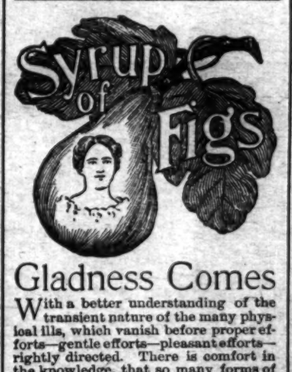
The coffee war has reached Cleveland. The sugar trust has reduced its wholesale price on Lion, the Trust brand, to 17.34 cents per pound. One of the Coffee Trust concerns followed suit, reducing to the same figure. Both cuts were at the rate of one and a half cents a pound.



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With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

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WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE of the City Clerk and Treasurer until 12 o'clock noon January 4th, 1897, for REPAIRING SEWERAGE, ETC., AT CITY HALL AND OPERA HOUSE.

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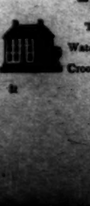

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